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Wing training timeline

As of Wednesday			
Pilot Instructor Training			
Squadron	Senior Class	Overall	
99th FTS	5.0	4.0	
558th FTS	-9.4	-3.6	
559th FTS	-5.6	-0.3	
560th FTS	-0.6	-3.3	

Numbers reflect days ahead or behind for senior pilot instructor training class and an average for all PIT classes currently in training.



Navigator, EWO training			
	562nd FTS	563rd FTS	
Air Force	179	Undergraduate	39
Navy	64	International	13
International	1	EWC Course	0
		Fundamentals	0

Numbers reflect students currently in training. The 562nd shows source of navigator students. Air Force students include Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard. The 563rd indicates students in specific courses.

Wing Sortie Scoreboard			
Aircraft	Required	Flown	Annual required
T-1A	1,009	1,021	4,200
T-6A	2,459	2,593	9,488
T-37B	2,293	2,418	8,641
T-38A	2,324	2,523	8,640
T-43A	310	332	1,158

Numbers reflect the required and flown missions as of Wednesday, and the required missions for fiscal 03.

Weekend weather

Day	Forecast	High	Low
Today	WINDY	41	23
Saturday		49	26
Sunday		58	33

Randolph schedules Tattoo for Centennial of Flight

By Maj. William Nichols
12th Flying Training Wing
Public Affairs

The 12th Flying Training Wing here will host the “Randolph Centennial of Flight Tattoo Celebration” March 27 at the Verizon Wireless Amphitheater, featuring an aerial review of vintage and present-day aircraft and the Air Force’s Tops in Blue, Band of the West and ceremonial Drill Team.

“This tattoo will celebrate the Centennial of Powered Flight, showcase the history of aviation and its role in the San Antonio area, and honor the service of prisoners of war repatriated from Vietnam 30 years ago,” said Col. Mark Graper, 12th FTW commander. “The citizens of San



Antonio and the surrounding areas have a distinguished history of supporting the military community here - this is an opportunity for us to express our gratitude for that longstanding partnership through an exhibition of airpower and musical pageantry.”

Open to the general public, the celebration begins at 6:15 p.m. with an aerial review of military aircraft spanning the 100 years of powered flight, followed by a musical tribute to the history of the Air Force and its impact on the San Antonio community. Verizon gates open at 5:30 p.m., admission is free and concessions will be

available. “We’re excited about this opportunity to showcase some of our Air Force heritage through a spectacle like tattoo,” said Col. Graper. “The traditional tattoo is rooted in military ritual dating back to the 17th and 18th centuries, and we’ll use that frame-

work to pay appropriate tribute to real American heroes who allowed us to be where we are today.”

The 12th FTW tattoo celebration is built around two historic events - the Centennial of Powered Flight, honoring the Wright Brothers flights of Dec. 17, 1903, and the 30th anniversary of Operation Homecoming, the repatriation of POWs from Vietnam that began in February 1973.

“On behalf of all of us in the 12th Flying Training Wing, I invite families from our surrounding communities as well as Team Randolph to join us for this special event,” said Col. Graper. “It will be a spectacular experience you will not want to miss.”

Need for blood donations grows

By Master Sgt. Michael Briggs
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Public Affairs

With a smaller pool of eligible military donors and a recently decreased stock of frozen blood, the Air Force assistant vice chief of staff is calling on service members and their families to donate blood.

In a recent memo to the field, Lt. Gen. Joseph Wehrle asked Air Force members worldwide to support the January observance of National Volunteer Blood Donor Month by rolling up their sleeves and giving the gift of life.

“Blood safety and availability are inseparable requirements for ensuring optimal care of our active duty troops, retirees, mil-

itary spouses and children,” he said.

“Unfortunately, current federal regulations barring donations from personnel who have served time in Europe have resulted in a 25 percent drop in eligible donors on Air Force bases.”

In addition to fewer donors, the frozen blood supply took a hit recently when the Armed Services Blood Program Office asked the military to withdraw frozen blood supplies donated during last summer’s West Nile virus epidemic to avoid transmitting the potentially fatal disease to recipients.

Those factors, combined with a historical trend of fewer blood donations in the winter months, would make the need for blood more urgent in any year. That need is even more urgent today, taking into consideration

current world events including a possible war in Iraq.

“At this time, with American forces actively fighting the war on terrorism, and with hundreds of thousands of military personnel deployed in support of expeditionary operations throughout the world, I want to personally encourage everyone who can give blood, to do so,” General Wehrle said. Leaders of the nation’s blood banking community are seeking a nationwide donation of 1.2 million units of blood during January. Military and civilian blood collection officials said donors with Type AB blood are especially needed, because AB is the universal blood plasma type.

“To avert critical blood shortages this winter, we need citizens across the country to schedule an appointment to donate blood,” said Jim MacPherson, chief executive officer of America’s Blood Centers. “Blood has a shelf life of only 42 days, which means it constantly needs to be replenished. Donors can give blood every 56 days, or six times a year.”

Fewer than 5 percent of healthy Americans eligible to donate blood actually donate each year, according to information from the American Association of Blood Banks.

To be eligible to donate blood, a person must be in good health and usually must be at least 17 years old. Minimum weight requirements may vary among facilities, but generally, donors must weigh at least 110 pounds. Most blood banks have no upper age limit. All donors must pass the physical and health history examinations given prior to donation.

“This selfless act helps us take care of our own, the hallmark of our military tradition,” General Wehrle said. (Army Spc. Chuck Wagner contributed to this story. He is a staff writer on the Pentagongram, the newspaper of the Military District of Washington.)



A member of Team Randolph donates blood during a previous blood drive here. (Photo by Richard Zowie)

Readiness

The foundation of everything we do

By Col. Mark Graper
12th Flying Training Flying Wing
commander

(Editor's note: The Jan. 10 commentary presented an overview of the 2003 wing themes of Readiness, Stewardship and Transformation. Today's article expands on the first theme; articles on Stewardship and Transformation will appear in subsequent issues.

Readiness, one of the wing's themes for 2003, is the foundation of everything we do as civilian and military members of Team Randolph and the Air Force, regardless of career specialty, rank or grade.

Readiness enables us to accomplish our missions whether participating in air and space expeditionary force deployments or serving here at our home station.

Expeditionary Readiness

As outlined by Gen. John P. Jumper, the Air Force Chief of Staff, our AEF is the rhythm to which our day-to-day operations are set. The AEF cycle is a process that focuses our daily operations — from leave forecasts to training schedules, we have to be tuned in to the AEF.

We'll continue training and qualifying our people to fill deployment needs for expeditionary units around the world. The AEF structure is a means of bringing predictability to fulfilling steady state requirements.

Everyone assigned to an AEF bucket should know their potential deployment window and be trained and ready on time.

America is at war and the demands of war are inherently dynamic. Therefore, every active duty troop should be mentally prepared for the prospect of a pop up deployment. The wing has a responsive and comprehensive deployment preparation process to accommodate short-notice tasks — I ask you to have an expeditionary mindset so we avoid the "Who me?" reaction when the telephone rings and you're notified of a tasking.

Include your families in your readiness preparation — wives, husbands and children of our active duty also need to be ready for deployments.

I strongly encourage you to make sure you've taken care of the necessary legal documents, financial and childcare arrangements and other personal matters before you leave your family for temporary duty.

Also, it is helpful for family members to have a connection to the unit — someone they know to call for help. Our family support center has a wealth of resources to help families of deployed troops.

Daily Operations

Our daily operations here — training the world's greatest aviators and supporting the base and tenant units — require the same commitment to readiness as deployment activities.

Conducting the flying training we accomplish here requires our instructors to be ready to teach and our students to be ready to learn.

The readiness of our maintainers, simulator and academic instructors, life support technicians, information management



Col. Mark Graper

experts and other support professionals is essential to this process.

Obviously, readiness for accomplishing our daily operations includes being fully trained and proficient in our specific tasks, but it also includes being ready physically, spiritually and emotionally.

I encourage you to make regular exercise, healthy eating habits and spiritual enrichment part of your daily routine.

For example, the base fitness center is open from 5 a.m. - 11 p.m. Monday-Friday, with slightly reduced hours on the weekends, to accommodate almost anyone's work schedule.

Don't forget to be ready professionally - professional military education, career development courses, specialty schools and academic degrees are all components of individual professional readiness.

Operational Readiness Inspection

Our Operational Readiness Inspection is a few short months down the road - the perfect time to ensure you and your offices are ready. Don't fall into the trap of waiting until the last minute to clean your files and organize your work areas - plan ahead and do it now.

Go through your disaster preparedness checklists, update your continuity binders and continue working your self-inspection program to identify and correct any deficiencies that may exist.

Every member of the wing is crucial to our success during the ORI — your readiness and that of your unit is essential. We will continue to conduct wing-level exercises, but unit and personal preparation are the building blocks of success.

The Honorable James G. Roche, Secretary of the Air Force, outlined three institutional air and space core competencies — Developing Airmen, Technology-to-Warfighting and Integrating Operations.

He said these competencies make the six distinctive capabilities possible. Those capabilities — Air and Space Superiority, Information Superiority, Global Attack, Precision Engagement, Rapid Global Mobility and Agile Combat Support — are the cornerstone of our Air Force's ability to remain the greatest air and space force in the world.

The starting point for making these competencies possible is you. Your readiness to fulfill your role as a part of the wing, Team Randolph and the Air Force is unquestionably our greatest asset.

Please keep up the great work.

How to get out of credit card debt

By Tech. Sgt. Rick Jackson
14th Flying Training Wing

COLUMBUS AIR FORCE BASE, Miss. — Christmas is over, and the holiday season has come and gone.

Next thing you know, your credit card bills arrive in the mail. You suddenly realize you have a big problem. You've really overspent this holiday season.

Between buying presents, unit parties, Christmas luncheons and dinners, your credit card is nearly maxed out.

Now you ask yourself the same two questions you asked last year: "How did I let this happen again?" and "How am I going to pay these credit cards off?"

Hopefully, you have answers for these questions. Here are two solutions to help you become debt free.

"If possible, use a debit card instead of credit cards to buy Christmas presents."

First, this is the time of year for income tax returns. Instead of blowing your refund, use it to pay toward your credit-card bills.

Second, if you have more than one credit card, start paying off the card with the highest interest rate first. Make minimum payments on the other cards, and use the extra money to pay off the higher-interest card.

Once that card is paid off, take the next higher-interest card and do the same until all your cards are paid off.

If you use these tips, you will be on your way to getting your credit card balances under control and paid off.

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To avoid having the same problems again later this year, here are some suggestions to help you prepare for the 2003 holiday shopping season.

Many stores in the community, including the base exchange, offer layaway programs. Layaway allows you to start shopping early and make small monthly payments until Christmas. Also, layaway helps alleviate the last-second financial burden associated with big-ticket items such as bicycles and computers.

If possible, use a debit card instead of credit cards to buy Christmas presents. It draws money directly from your checking account and will make you pay attention to how much you spend. (AETCNS)

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Col. Felix Grieder, *Air Education and Training Command*

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Supervisors provide career counseling

By Master Sgt. Victor Tennant
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COLUMBUS AIR FORCE BASE, Miss. — Quick! What is your role in career counseling as a supervisor? Do you have to be a supervisor to provide career counseling? What does career counseling mean to you? How does career counseling tie into any retention problems the Air Force faces today?

If you can answer every question above, you have mastered one of the main roles of being a supervisor and leader. If you are one of the many who question why you have to know career counseling, then you should brush up on this important duty.

As a front-line supervisor and leader you must promote a “career mindset.” It is one of your NCO responsibilities.

Several years ago, the Air Force did away with base career advisors and transferred those responsibilities to front-line supervisors, first sergeants and commanders.

Today, due to the increased operations tempo throughout the Air Force and force reductions during the ‘90s, career advisors are back.

The Air Force has realized supervisors, first sergeants and commanders often don’t have enough time or detailed information to provide definitive answers about career decisions to help guide our airmen. Providing that type of advice requires specialized knowledge and training.

When there weren’t any career advisors, many airmen had to make the critical decision of “Should I stay or should I go?” without proper guidance and necessary information. It became obvious there was an urgent need to fill this void, so the Air Force responded by creating career assistance advisor positions at each installation.

As the career assistance advisor at my base, it’s my responsibility to help supervisors, first sergeants and commanders get out

the right information on the benefits of making the Air Force a career. The ways I do this are by briefing airman leadership school classes; conducting informed decision briefings; and speaking to groups at enlisted professional development courses, first term airmen center classes and commander’s calls.

This is my role, but what about yours as a supervisor and leader?

According to the most recent Air Force exit survey, three of the top five reasons members are leaving the Air Force are directly related to our supervisors and leaders. The reasons are “lack of recognition of one’s efforts, lack of leadership at the unit level and lack of job satisfaction.”

These three cost areas cost the Air Force years of experience and thousands of dollars in training every time an airman walks out the door and into the civilian workforce. As supervisors and leaders, we must address these issues head on.

Not surprisingly, these three responses are also mentioned numerous times in civilian job satisfaction questionnaires. Apparently, the grass isn’t always greener on the other side.

Think about what kept you in the Air Force. Was it a mentor? Was it patriotism or personal or professional pride? Whatever the reason, it was positive or you wouldn’t be here today.

We are part of the most powerful Air Force in the world, an organization that stands second to none in several areas including tax-free allowances, free health care, family support programs, educational benefits, promotion opportunities and the only retirement program in America where, after 20 years, you don’t pay a penny to collect a retirement check for the rest of your life.

Expose your airmen to these and other military benefits. Don’t leave them to find out for themselves. It is time we, as supervi-



Staff Sgt. Rosalva Polendo, 12th Mission Support Squadron, goes over Airman 1st Class Nathaniel Bitting's Air Force Form 623, Individual Training Record, with him. (Photo by Airman 1st Class Chad Tarpley)

sors and leaders, stand up and enthusiastically talk to our young troops about all the positive reasons, both personal and professional, why we made the military a career.

Your comments, thoughts and guidance on what led you to stay in the Air Force will not only affect the individual you’re counseling, but could ultimately affect your entire workcenter.

Career counseling should be a daily, weekly or monthly activity. As a minimum, career counseling should happen twice a year during mandatory feedback sessions.

The general NCO responsibilities section of Air Force Instruction 36-2618, The Enlisted Force Structure, mandates you provide an “Air Force Benefits Fact Sheet” and discuss this with the individual. You can find this sheet at www.afpc.randolph.af.mil.com under “Enlisted Benefits.”

Learn everything you can about our benefits and entitlements, and share this information during counseling sessions. Remember, you’ve been in the Air Force for several years and know about many of the

benefits. Many junior personnel aren’t aware of some of their benefits. This is where you come in. This is why your role as a supervisor and leader is so critical in successful career counseling.

Admittedly, the Air Force isn’t for everyone. I’ll be the first to admit that military life includes much stress on the person and their family. Yet, the closeness of the military family is one of those intangibles to think about when people consider their future.

We owe it to our junior personnel to help them make an informed decision based on facts and the intangibles. If they still choose to separate, thank them for doing their country a great service and wish them luck in their future.

If an individual chooses to reenlist, don’t take it for granted. Also take time to thank him or her. They, along with their family, have just made one of the most important decisions of their life, and, hopefully, you played a small role in this commitment by providing them with good career counseling. (AETCNS)

Leaders should be fit, be fair, be firm

By Chief Master Sgt. Chris Dobbins
11th Air Force Command Chief Master Sergeant

ELMENDORF AIR FORCE BASE, Alaska — “Chief, I’ve got a question...”

These five words have become a very common introductory remark as I traverse the many shops, offices and flight-lines of our great Aerospace Force.

While many of the questions concern deployments, pay, assignments and quality of life issues, more and more I’m getting, “Do you have any advice for today’s young supervisors?”

I must admit that I didn’t blow away the recruiting office with my ASVAB scores, MIT never offered me a scholarship, and I’m fairly confident the Air Force Academy will never select me for a permanent professor position. But this, to me, is one of the easier questions I’ve ever had to answer.

I simply call it the “3-F” approach: be fit, be fair and be firm.

Be fit! It’s called a “profession of arms” for a reason. At anytime, we could be called upon to do our nation’s will. Granted, some jobs require greater levels of fitness than others, but everybody who serves in our Air Force has a responsibility to maintain his or her personal fitness so we may answer that call.

News flash! Some of the locations we are asked to serve don’t have rental cars, a Holiday Inn Express or McDonald’s. In fact, the number one method of transportation in many of these areas is shoe leather; number one living accommodation, tents; number one eating establishment ... Well, you get the point.

What do you suppose is the common denominator for successful mission accomplishment in these austere areas? It is a fit force.

It is one thing to carry one of our wounded warriors off the battlefield. We shouldn’t have to carry them to the region because of their poor fitness. Unfortunately, we have some who don’t understand this important personal responsibility.

Supervisors, here are a couple of things to remember. The gym doesn’t require an “open area #7” on your restricted area badge for access — use it! There are 24 hours in the day. Spend one of them improving your fitness. Twenty-three hours should be plenty to accomplish most everything else.

If you are not maintaining your own fitness, how can you expect it of your troops? Lead by example. Be fit.

Be Fair! There is nothing more divisive to a shop, office, flight or organization than double standards and preferential treatment, perceived or otherwise.

As a supervisor, you simply cannot afford to allow an unfair environment to exist.

So why has this become the Achilles heel of so many supervisors? Human nature, personal likes and dislikes, prejudices, age differences, cultural barriers — it could even be something as simple as sports or music interests. The list is endless.

To some degree, we’ve all experienced the work environment where “the boss” has his favorites, and gives the great shifts to “Airman Do No Wrong” while giving “Airman What’s His Name” weekend duty so “the gang” can go skiing, camping or the like.

This is not a successful formula for unit harmony or mission accomplishment. Call me crazy, but I don’t subscribe to the belief that everyone is “created” equal.

If that were the case, you would see the name “Dobbins” next to “Woods” every week at the top of the PGA leader board. However, I do believe that everyone should be “treated” equal, and that is where you, the supervisor, come

in. Be fair.

Be Firm! Everyone has his or her own personal comfort level when it comes to implementing and enforcing standards, but being firm can sometimes be the most difficult for supervisors, both new and experienced, to practice.

Being firm equates to being honest in many instances, and sometimes we as supervisors have to step up and make the tough calls.

Contrary to popular belief, not everybody is a “5” on his or her Enlisted Performance Report. Not everybody is “my #1.” Not everybody is a “definite promote” and not everybody deserves a permanent change of station decoration.

Even in our great Air Force, we have people who need to improve, who need to put forth a little more effort, who need to know their jobs a little better, who don’t deserve a “firewall 5” EPR, and who don’t deserve a decoration for every 90-day deployment or 24-month PCS move.

I cannot tell you the number of times I have heard, “Sorry Smitty, I put you in for a Meritorious Service Medal, but ‘they’ disapproved it at headquarters ... something about level of responsibility of a staff sergeant not being commensurate with the level of the decoration.”

Ever since I became a pronoun — they — I’ve gotten a chuckle out of these comments, especially since I know if the supervisor would have been honest in the first place, the submission would have never left the organization.

One of the most difficult tasks you will ever have as a supervisor is being honest with subordinates who are not meeting standards. The answer is simple, but many times the action is not. Be firm.

That is the 3-F approach. By applying these practices across your supervisory spectrum you will be promoting a profession of arms environment that your people will understand, appreciate and ultimately, with time, emulate. (AFPN)

Air Force transforms, combines property operations

By Staff Sgt. C. Todd Lopez
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — The Air Force recently created a new agency to handle all of its real estate transactions.

The Air Force Real Property Agency resulted from the merging of two agencies: the Air Force Base Conversion Agency and the Air Force Real Estate division. The move, said the director of the AFRPA, is expected to improve the effectiveness of Air Force real estate operations across the force.

“Merging these functions creates the synergy needed to meet Air Force mission capability,” said Mr. Albert Lowas. “By that we mean to take the expertise of the active Air Force real estate people and merge them with what was AFBCA, so we can do a better job of using that real estate asset to support the Air Force mission.”

Before the merger, Mr. lowas said, the Air Force Real Estate division handled the sale and purchase of real estate to meet the needs of active service installations. Such property sales might have included abandoned missile silos or housing areas that were no longer needed. The same division would also have handled the purchase of land if an active installation needed a bombing range or needed to expand a runway.

In contrast, Mr. lowas said, the AFBCA was responsible only for converting of Air Force installations being closed under the Base Realignment and Closure Act.

“The AFBCA handled the property disposal for bases closed in the four rounds of BRAC,” said Mr. lowas, who was head of the former AFBCA. “We worked with the local communities on what their disposal plan would be. We would do the environmental cleanup, we took care of the buildings so they would not deteriorate, and then we would dispose of the property.”

The AFBCA did not simply sell off Air Force installations closed under BRAC. Instead, Mr. lowas said, the service worked to ensure that local communities that surrounded those installations would be able to thrive as they had when the base was active.

“We tried to replace that economic engine of the air base and the air wing with new jobs,” Mr. lowas said. “Even before the base was closed we were working with the wing commander so a warehouse could be leased, or we could start joint use on the runway, or we could start to use the hangars and have commercial enterprise come in and start to use the base.”

During its existence, the AFBCA used that methodology to convert 32 Air Force installations to civilian use. That experience, Mr. lowas said, will be brought to bear upon all Air Force real estate transactions.

“With AFRPA, we are going to take that experience of working with local communities and transform how we do property disposal on other Air Force installations, to make it the proverbial win-win, for us and for the local community,” Mr. lowas said.

The Air Force, Mr. lowas said, is transforming the way it conducts real estate business.

“It’s all about being good neighbors and working to ensure everyone’s interests are being considered,” Mr. lowas said. “Old practices have to be evaluated, and new ones more conducive to the 21st century must be incorporated.

“We are transforming the way we do Air Force real property acquisition and disposal. We are looking beyond the boundary of the base into the larger community to balance everyone’s needs: the Air Force’s and the community’s,” he said.

Air Force begins smallpox vaccines

By Master Sgt. Scott Elliott
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — The Air Force chief of staff has directed the immediate implementation of the smallpox vaccination program.

In a Jan. 6 policy memorandum to major command commanders, Gen. John Jumper outlined details of the commanders’ force protection program against the deadly biological warfare agent.

The first Air Force people to be vaccinated will be medical people and designated forces that constitute specific mission-critical capabilities. The identified medics include Smallpox Epidemiological Response Team members at Brooks City-Base, Texas, those responsible for administering the vaccine to other airmen, and base-level smallpox medical team members (medics who have been selected to treat anyone who contracts the disease).

According to the Air Force smallpox vaccination implementation plan, some civilian employees and contractors will also be vaccinated.

Other U.S. forces will be vaccinated depending upon circumstances.

Although vaccinations will begin immediately, the program’s director said airmen would be vaccinated in stages.

“It is expected that up to 30 percent of the people receiving the vaccine will have minor reactions that result in the loss of one or more duty days,” said Brig. Gen. Robert Smolen, director of nuclear and counterproliferation.

According to medical officials, the smallpox vaccine is a “live virus” vaccine

that uses vaccinia virus. People cannot contract smallpox from the vaccine.

“Smallpox vaccine has some well-recognized side effects,” said Lt. Col. (Dr.) Kelly Woodward, chief of preventive medicine at the Air Force Medical Operations Agency. “Many people can expect to have minor side effects, such as feeling achy, low-grade fever, headache and itching at the injection site.

“Those are minor reactions and resolve on their own.”

In rare cases, Dr. Woodward said, the virus may erupt widely over the body instead of remaining confined to the vaccination site.

Public education is one of the plan’s major components. Recipients must be informed about the vaccine and its contraindications before inoculation.

People getting the vaccine will receive a briefing on expected reactions, adverse events, and how to access health care for medical concerns.

“Education of commanders, individuals and families is imperative to ensure the success of this program,” Gen. Jumper, Chief of Staff of the Air Force, wrote in the memo.

As a minimum, people will receive a copy of the smallpox vaccine trifold (available under the “Educational Products” icon at the Department of Defense smallpox Web site, www.vaccines.army.mil). People may get information at mass briefings or commanders’ calls. Local health care professionals can also provide smallpox information.

According to the plan, recipients will be screened before inoculation. The screening form is available under the

“Forms” icon at the DOD smallpox Web site. Anyone who answers “yes” or “unsure” to a question on the form will not receive the vaccine until they have received further medical evaluation.

The Air Force is taking the extra screening precautions because the smallpox vaccine has unique contraindications, or reasons to avoid it, Woodward said.

“Contraindications in either the individual receiving the vaccine or the person’s household contacts will preclude a non-emergency vaccination,” he said. “It’s important that people receiving the vaccine take the time to consider the medical condition of others in their household as they go through the screening process.”

Certain dermatological conditions, such as eczema and atopic dermatitis, increase the risk of complications from the smallpox vaccine. Those with a history of dermatological conditions should make sure to point them out during the screening process, Dr. Woodward said.

Other medical criteria that preclude vaccination include pregnancy, nursing mothers and HIV infection.

While the plan calls for people to be vaccinated before deploying to high-threat areas, non-vaccination does not necessarily preclude mobilization, general Smolen said, since the vaccine may be successfully administered up to four days after exposure.

Smallpox vaccinations are given in a single dose, usually in the nondominant deltoid muscle (left upper arm for right-handed people, and vice versa). Revaccination is recommended every 10 years.

‘Friendly fire’ hearing underway

By Master Sgt. Scott Elliott
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — An Article 32 hearing investigating the charges against two F-16 Fighting Falcon pilots involved in a “friendly fire” incident in Afghanistan last year began Tuesday.

Majs. Harry Schmidt and William Umbach of the Illinois Air National Guard’s 170th Fighter Squadron face charges stemming from an April 17 incident in which four Canadian soldiers were killed and another eight injured at Tarnak Farms, near Kandahar, Afghanistan.

Major Schmidt reportedly dropped a 500-pound bomb on the Canadians, who were conducting night training.

The hearing, directed by Lt. Gen. Bruce Carlson, 8th Air Force commander, is being held at Barksdale Air Force Base, La.

Major Schmidt is charged with four counts of involuntary manslaughter, eight counts of assault and dereliction of duty by failing to exercise appropriate flight discipline and failing to comply with the rules of engagement in Afghanistan. The charges were filed under

Articles 119, 128 and 92 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

Major Umbach faces the same charges in addition to an allegation that he, as flight commander at the time, failed to ensure that Schmidt complied with the rules of engagement.

According to Col. Craig Smith, chief of the military justice division for the Air Force Legal Services Agency at Bolling AFB, D.C., the military justice system affords the two officers significant rights, many not available in the civilian criminal justice system.

“Every effort has been made throughout this entire matter to ensure that impartial officers and commanders evaluated the evidence against Majors Schmidt and Umbach,” Colonel Smith said. “They have been, and continue to be, represented by experienced Air Force and civilian defense counsel, who will ensure the rights guaranteed to them by the U.S. Constitution, the UCMJ and the Manual for Courts-Martial are protected.”

On April 18, Gen. Tommy Franks, commander of U.S. Central Command, directed an investigation board to convene

to determine the facts and circumstances of the incident.

The board found the cause of the incident to be failure of the two pilots to exercise appropriate flight discipline, which resulted in violation of rules and an inappropriate use of lethal force.

The board also found that failures within the pilots’ immediate command structures were contributing factors, but that they did not cause the incident.

On Sept. 11, Brig. Gen. Stephen Sargeant, the U.S. co-president of the Coalition Investigation Board that investigated the incident, preferred charges against Majors Schmidt and Umbach. The preferral of charges initiates the formal court-martial process, which includes the Article 32 hearing.

According to military law, the convening authority may dismiss the charges or continue the process by referring the charges to court-martial.

“The Article 32 investigating officer will submit a written report, with recommendations,” Colonel Smith said. “General Carlson will then determine how the charges

will be handled. He may dismiss some or all of them, forward the charges to a subordinate or senior commander for disposition, or refer charges to a court-martial.”

Although the Article 32 hearing is similar to a civilian grand jury proceeding, there are some important differences, Colonel Smith said.

Article 32 hearings “differ in certain important rights afforded to an accused that are not present in a civilian grand jury proceeding,” he said. “For example, a servicemember has the right to be present at the hearing, to be represented by appointed military defense counsel at the investigation, to request an individual military defense counsel by name and hire a civilian attorney at no expense to the government. The servicemember, through his attorney, has the right to cross-examine witnesses against him, and he may testify and call witnesses of his own.”

The important thing to remember about an Article 32 investigation, Colonel Smith said, is that it is not a trial.

“The primary purpose of the Article 32 investigation is to investigate the charges,” he said.

News Briefs

USAF Academy Association of Graduates meeting

The United States Air Force Academy Association of Graduates, the Alamo Area Chapter, will hold a business meeting and social for graduates, associates and parents Jan. 24 at 6:30 p.m. at the officers’ club.

There is no charge for members who have paid their 2003 dues. Members can pay their dues at the door. The price for guests and non-members is \$10.

For more information, or to RSVP, call retired Col. Les Hobgood at 599-3583, or visit www.alamoaog.org.

Parking reminder

There have been several complaints regarding the parking lot located east of Building 230, the corrosion control building across from 3rd Street West. Individuals who park illegally are obstructing the view of pedestrians crossing 3rd Street West between Building 230 and Building 237, the security forces administration building.

Be sure to park only in designated areas. A parking space is defined as the area des-

ignated by two vertical, horizontal or diagonal white lines for the temporary storage of a passenger-carrying motor vehicle. All violators will be cited.

For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Olga Maldonado, 12th Security Forces Squadron, at 652-5509.

Volunteers needed

Air Education and Training Command is soliciting AETC chief master sergeants, chief master sergeant-selects, senior master sergeants and senior master sergeant-selects to volunteer time to write the Professional Fitness Examination for three upcoming projects.

Each is a 32-day TDY, plus travel time. The first is March 11 - April 11, the second is April 22 - May 23 and the third is June 3 - July 3.

All are at the Air Force Occupational Measurement Squadron here.

Interested personnel can call Master Sgt. Renee Harris at 652-5206.

Fiscal Law Course

Randolph will be offering a Fiscal Law Course Feb. 10-13. The course will be an

Air University Broadcast and will be free of charge. The intended audience includes judge advocate, contracting, budgeting and financial personnel.

To sign up or request more information, call 2nd Lt. Antwan Hopkins or 1st Lt. Devlan Islas at 652-6109.

Computer informaton theft

The Department of Defense has announced a computer theft of the personal information of TRICARE beneficiaries serviced by the TRICARE Central Region health contractor, TriWest Healthcare Alliance Corporation.

The computer files were stolen Dec. 14, 2002. On Dec. 23, DOD requested The Retired Officers Association and other military service organizations to alert their members of this incident.

The news release is located at <http://tricare.osd.mil/newsreleases/2002/news0236.htm>.

Technology Exposition

The Randolph Technology Exposition is Jan. 28 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the officers’ club. All Air Force, DOD, associate

activity and contract personnel are invited.

More than 20 exhibitors will be at the show, including information on software, servers and desktop computers.

This event is sponsored by the 12th Communications Squadron.

For more information, call Tiffany Ratzlaff at 1-301-596-8899.

Hepatitis A shots at clinic

The immunization clinic is offering Hepatitis A immunization series to all Randolph enrollees ages 2-10. Children born on or after Sept. 2, 1992, are required to begin the two-shot series on or after their second birthday.

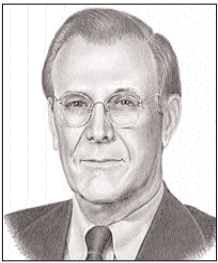
The first dose should be completed before Feb. 1 to meet the Aug. 1 deadline for completion of the two-dose series.

Immunization clinic hours are 7:30-11:30 a.m. and 1-4 p.m. with additional staffing Wednesdays and Fridays in January from 7-10 a.m. The clinic will also be open Saturday from 9-11 a.m.

For more information, go to www.tdh.state.tx.us/immunize/hepa_school.htm or call the immunization clinic at 652-3279.

America at War

“The challenge we face in the global war on terror is to root out those terrorists and terrorist networks that threaten our people; to find them, disrupt them, capture, drive them from their safe havens, and prevent them from murdering more of our citizens.”



Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld
DOD news briefing, Jan. 7, 2003

Randolph supports global mission

As of Monday, 48 Team Randolph members are deployed in support of military operations around the globe.

U.S. troops fighting terrorism in the Horn of Africa

WASHINGTON — Roughly 1,300 American and coalition troops are working to prevent terrorists from gaining ground in the Horn of Africa.

From the sea and on the land, Combined Joint Task Force-Horn of Africa detects, disrupts and defeats terrorists in Kenya, Somalia, Ethiopia, Sudan, Eritrea, Djibouti and Yemen Marine Maj. Stephen Cox, task force public affairs officer, said Jan. 10.

He and his commander, Marine Maj. Gen. John Sattler, spoke via a telephone connection to reporters in the Pentagon

from the unit’s headquarters aboard the USS Mount Whitney, afloat off the coast of Djibouti in the Gulf of Aden.

Major Cox said about 400 servicemembers man task force headquarters on the Mount Whitney, an amphibious command ship. The other 900 work at Camp Lemonier in Djibouti.

Success in fighting terrorists in the region will largely depend on good relations between the task force and the governments of surrounding countries, he said. Since the unit arrived early last month, task force leaders have met with the heads of state of Djibouti, Yemen, Eritrea and Ethiopia. (AFPS)

Confronting Iraq crucial to winning war on terror

WASHINGTON — The terrorists who struck the United States on Sept. 11, 2001, are still at work trying to strike again, Vice President Richard Cheney said Jan. 10.

“Make no mistake. America is at war, and the front lines are our centers of transportation, of commerce and entertainment,” Vice President Cheney said during a speech at the U.S. Chamber of Commerce.

“The gravity of the threat we face was underscored in recent days when British police arrested seven suspected terrorists in London and discovered a small quantity of ricin, one of the world’s deadliest poisons, for which no cure exists,” he said.

U.S. officials are working to stop terrorists from joining with outlaw regimes that have developed weapons of mass destruction. “That is why confronting the threat posed by Iraq is not a distraction from the war on terror; it is absolutely crucial to winning the war on terror,” Vice President Cheney said.

Officials say draft not necessary

WASHINGTON — The all-volunteer force took nearly a generation to come to fruition, but has since proved its worth in combat.

Thirty years after then-Defense Secretary Melvin R. Laird established the all-volunteer force, some politicians are again calling for resumption of a military draft. Defense leaders are crying foul; they do not want it, and they do not need it.

A senior defense official Monday briefed media in the Pentagon on the advantages and history of the all-volunteer military force.

The force took 10 to 15 years to come to fruition, and it was not proven in combat until the Persian Gulf War of the early 1990s.

“I would argue that the fine performance of our forces in the Persian Gulf War in 1991, the fine performance you’ve seen in a variety of crises in the last 10 years, including operations in Afghanistan this last year and continued operations in the greater Southwest Asia region, indeed reflect the excellence of that force,” the official said. (AFPN)

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Source: www.whitehouse.gov

Some airlines waive ticket exchange fees for troops

By **Gerry Gilmore**
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — Some U.S. airlines are adjusting their rules so service members won't have to pay penalties if they need to alter ticket reservations because of military duty.

AirTran Airways, Delta Airlines and Hawaiian Airlines now waive ticket change fees for service members on military deployment orders, while ticketing changes on Southwest Airlines are currently free, according to Jean Marie Ward of the Office of the Undersecretary of Defense for personnel and readiness.

Ms. Ward said particulars of these carriers' programs can be viewed at DOD's Military Assistance Program Web site at dticaw.dtic.mil/mapsite/airtickets.html. Information from more airlines is expected to be added soon, she said.

According to General Service Administration officials, a number of

other airlines will waive ticket change penalties if service members present copies of their military orders or a letter from their commanders, Ward noted. The waiver procedures are official company policy for some carriers, she said, but not all reservation or check-in personnel may know that. She suggested travelers call their airline for waiver information before going to the airport.

Much of the U.S. airline industry has been in a financial tailspin since Sept. 11, 2001, and have instituted or boosted penalties for customers who want new tickets because of missed flights or changes in their travel plans.

Military travelers became prime penalty targets on Oct. 7, 2001, when America launched its military offensive against global terrorism. Many thousands of active and reserve component service members already have been called up and deployed, Ms. Ward noted, and myriad thousands more have been tapped for duty

as part of the U.S. military buildup for potential war against Iraq.

Questions were raised in late 2002 about the travel penalties faced by service members called off leave for military operations.

At DOD's request, GSA officials queried City Pairs Program carriers — the contract carriers for government travelers — regarding ticket exchange penalties and waivers for military personnel, Ms. Ward remarked. Meanwhile, she added, Air Mobility Command officials pursued parallel inquiries and ultimately coordinated much of the discussion between DOD and the airlines regarding waivers.

Information on the Military Assistance Program Web site notes that the Army Emergency Relief Society, Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society and the Air Force Aid Society may provide loans to cover unexpected expenses resulting when air carriers don't waive fees or penalties.

The Web site notes that service members needing financial help of this type can call or visit the relief society office at the nearest military installation. The three organizations have reciprocal agreements with each other and the Coast Guard.

Policies for changing reservations or

travel plans vary across the travel industry, Ward explained, noting that Amtrak tickets, for example, can be changed without charge in most cases. In contrast, pre-arranged travel packages would be more difficult to alter.

"However, the travel issues related to short-term deployments are broader than changes in personal travel plans," Ms. Ward said. Certain military personnel, such as single and dual military parents, are required to have family care plans for deployments, she noted, adding that these plans can involve sending children to distant family members or bringing a caretaker into the home.

Ms. Ward said DOD is exploring the issue of this kind of short-fused family travel with the airlines. Pending new airline policies, she said, DOD recommends service members implementing plans that call for short-fused family travel ask their airline representative about eligibility requirements for any special fares.

Military families whose care plans rely on other forms of transportation should check their carriers' policies, Ms. Ward said. In any case, she noted, local military service relief societies might offer loans to cover these expenses.



TELECOMMUNICATIONS MONITORING

Reminder - All U.S. Government telecommunications devices are subject to monitoring. Telecommunications devices include, but are not limited to: telephones (standard, cellular or STU-III), radios, facsimile machines, computers (network or stand alone) and personal digital assistance. Use of such devices constitutes consent to this monitoring.

For more information, call the Unit Information Assurance awareness program manager or the wing IA office at 652-4231.

Reviewed, improved

Officer assignments move beyond ‘seven-day option’

By Maj. John Thomas
Air Force Personnel Center Public Affairs

Following secretary of the Air Force guidance, Air Force Personnel Center officials reviewed and improved what was called the “seven-day option” policy for officer assignments.

Those officers who would be eligible to separate or retire instead of taking an assignment will now get more than seven days to act. Also, a general officer will review the assignment before the final decision is made. In the past, these officers were given seven days to elect to take the assignment or apply to leave the Air Force.

After an intense study of the processes many officers use to make those critical decisions, personnel officials made changes that will result in more formal communication earlier in the process between assignment teams, commanders and the affected officer. This will let officers and Air Force officials make the best possible decisions on potential moves.

Before an officer leaves the Air Force as a result of a per-

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Col. Chris Miller
Director of assignments

manent change-of-station-related decision, a general officer will “ensure that it’s the right decision for the individual and for the Air Force,” said Maj. Gen. Thomas O’Riordan, the center commander.

Only about 1 percent of officers typically express the intention to leave the Air Force instead of taking an assignment, officials said.

“What hasn’t changed is that our first priority remains filling Air Force needs so we provide a ready and capable Air Force for combatant commanders,” said Col. Chris

Miller, director of assignments here. “What has changed is that we’re taking extra care to consider the impact on future capabilities of letting an experienced officer leave the service who we might possibly be able to retain.

“That sometimes means we need to work with individuals and commanders to explore all reasonable options,” he said.

“The needs of the Air Force come first,” General O’Riordan said. “We will not be able to please every person. But it’s worth the effort if we can find some common ground to retain a valuable officer.”

For now, senior leaders have agreed that enlisted assignment procedures do not need to change, officials said.

“We’ve looked hard and found no clear benefit to changing today’s enlisted assignment system,” said Chief Master Sgt. Carlton McCoy, superintendent of the airman assignments division here.

“Of course that doesn’t mean we aren’t always looking for ways to improve. It only means we’re not making any changes to the enlisted assignment declination policy at this time,” the chief said.

Surgery increases vision, readiness

By Staff Sgt. C. Todd Lopez
Air Force Print News

LACKLAND AIR FORCE BASE, Texas — In little more than a year's time, the Air Force has improved mission readiness with a program designed to eliminate the need for contact lenses and glasses.

The Air Force Warfighter Photorefractive Keratectomy Program went active at the end of 2001. The program provides PRK surgery to all Air Force servicemembers who qualify — surgery that in most cases eliminates the need for glasses or contact lenses, said the program's director.

"Nearly 100 percent of our patients do not need glasses to see after this procedure," said Lt. Col. Robert Smith, chief of cornea and refractive surgery at Wilford Hall Medical Center here. Colonel Smith is also the Air Force surgeon general's refractive surgery consultant.

"That's at least 20/40 vision, what I call 'get around' vision. The vision we really strive for though is 20/20 or better. Our chances of getting that kind of vision (with this surgery) is 85 to 90 percent," Colonel Smith said.

In some cases, said Colonel Smith, the surgery can only improve a person's vision enough to get them off corrective lenses most of the time. He said that while the surgery cannot completely free everybody from glasses or

contacts, it can reduce nearly everyone's dependence on them.

Since the program began, the Air Force has eliminated the need for or reduced the dependence on glasses for more than 4,000 servicemembers.

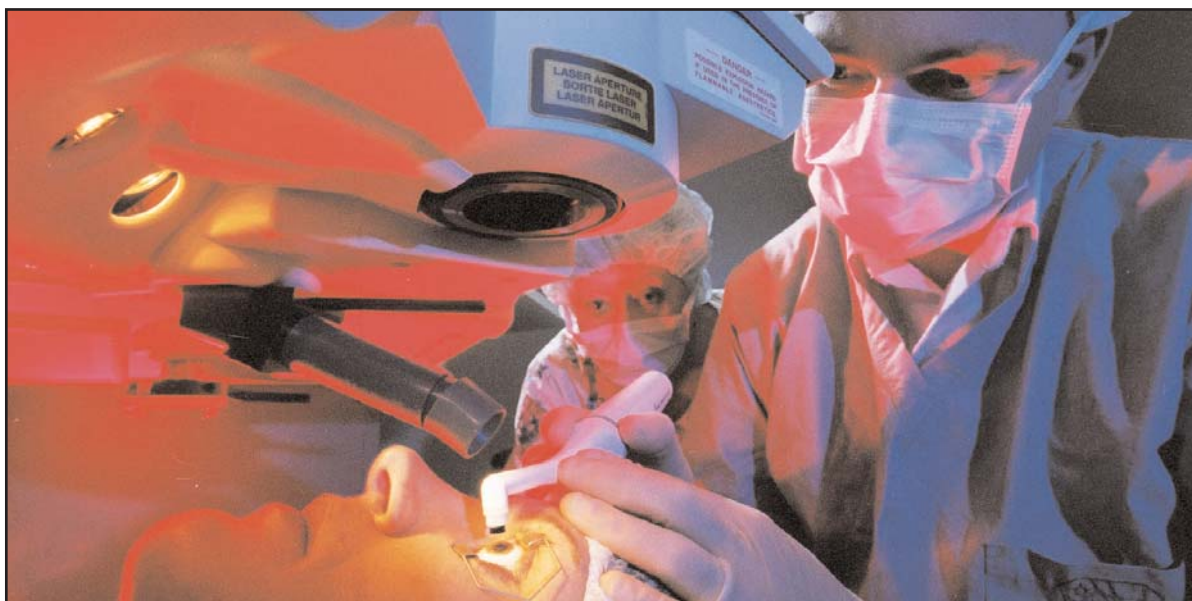
According to the Air Force Surgeon General's office, the purpose for the program is to increase the readiness of warfighters by eliminating the need for glasses or contact lenses. Colonel Smith said corrective lenses can be a hindrance in the field or in the cockpit.

"We are increasing the readiness aspect of our warfighters by reducing their dependence on glasses and contact lenses," Colonel Smith said. "Right now we have a lot of folks out there in the desert who use chemical gear, who use night-vision goggles or other optical devices, or who do a lot of different things that can be impeded by glasses and inserts."

Removing that impedance, Smith said, is the true goal of the Air Force Warfighter PRK Program.

"Glasses and contacts, we learned in Desert Storm, don't do well out in the desert," Colonel Smith said. "If we can reduce our warfighters dependence on spectacles, they become better warfighters. That is the ultimate goal of refractive surgery in the Air Force. This is not cosmetic surgery."

Currently, there are five locations where Air Force people can



A patient receives laser eye surgery at Wilford Hall Medical Center at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas. Air Force doctors have performed the photorefractive keratectomy procedure on more than 4,000 service-members. (Photo by Tech. Sgt. Lance Cheung)

get the PRK procedure, including Wilford Hall Medical Center; Travis Air Force Base, Calif.; the U.S. Air Force Academy, Colo.; Keesler AFB, Miss.; and Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio. While the Air Force does not reimburse members if they receive the surgery from civilian doctors, there are a few other Defense Department centers where the surgery is available, he said.

"We are a tri-service treatment team," Colonel Smith said. "This means that we treat not only eligible Air Force members, but also Army and Navy members as well. That (treatment) is reciprocated at most of the DOD refractive surgery centers. The Army and Navy both have a similar program."

While the majority of Air Force members can seek the PRK treatment at nearly every DOD treatment facility, Smith said Air Force

pilots and boom operators must go to Wilford Hall. Other aviators can go to any of the other warfighter treatment centers.

The PRK procedure is, according to Colonel Smith, quick, painless and unobtrusive, involving use of an "excimer laser" to remove anywhere from 5 to 20 percent of the cornea — no more than the thickness of three human hairs.

"Basically we need to remove the top layer of the cornea," he said. "We use a polisher to do that, and then we do the laser treatment. All of this is painless. The polisher part takes about five seconds. The laser procedure takes anywhere from 10 to 40 seconds. Then we put a soft contact lens on your eye, and we are done. The total time for the procedure is about one minute per eye."

The soft contact lens reduces discomfort after surgery and helps the eye heal during a three- to four-

day recovery period, Colonel Smith said.

According to the colonel, Air Force members should start at their local medical facility's Web page if they think the procedure may be right for them.

"Everybody is not a candidate for refractive surgery," Colonel Smith said. "About two out of every 10 who come for surgery are eliminated because their corneas aren't quite normal. But the overall goal is (to) treat as many qualified candidates as possible."

"Go to your local optometrist and get the application package. They will also do the initial screening. If that exam meets qualifications, then we bring the individual in for another complete refractive surgery exam. If everything looks good, they can get the surgery."

For more information, call the Randolph optometry flight at 652-5526.

Air Force Museum shows aviation art

DAYTON, Ohio — More than 250 original paintings by aviation artists will be featured when the Air Force Museum here offers “A Centennial Celebration of Aviation Art” for a limited engagement during 2003.

To commemorate the Centennial of Flight, this art collection epitomizes the aviation history and recalls a century of courage and pioneer spirit, according to museum officials. The collection involves five separate and consecutive exhibits.

The first exhibit, “A Century of Flight,” was unveiled Thursday and features 60 paintings by Keith Ferris. The second exhibit, “Air Power,” begins April 12 and contains pieces from Wilson

Hurley, William Phillips, Roy Grinnell, Dru Blair, Ronald Wong and Craig Kodera.

On June 6, “Aviation Art Worldwide” features works by Robert Taylor, Tiro Vorster, Don Connolly and the French artists “Les Peintres De L’Air.” The fourth exhibit, “Those Magnificent Flyers,” begins Aug. 26 and is dedicated to the art of James Dietz.

The final exhibit, “Fly Me to the Future,” begins Oct. 9, and showcases pieces by John Clark, Robert McCall and Mark Waki.

The Air Force Museum, the largest and oldest military aviation museum in the world, is located on Springfield Pike, six miles northeast of downtown Dayton. It is open seven days a week, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission and parking are free.

For more information on “A Centennial Celebration of Aviation Art,” call Denise Bollinger at (937) 255-8046, Ext. 492. (AFPN)

God bless America

Association offers scholarships

ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, Ga. — The Military Officers Association of America will give \$1,000 college scholarships at random to sons and daughters of military people, including reservists.

Deadline to complete the online application is March 1.

Formerly known as The Retired Officers Association, the MOAA will honor 100 college-bound or current undergraduate students with individual \$1,000 scholarship grants for the 2003 to 2004 school year. The association’s scholarship program is part of an ongoing effort to assist young people from military families.

Of the few eligibility requirements, applicants must be younger

than 24 and provide basic information such as their SAT score and college. If an applicant served in the military before attending college, the maximum age for eligibility increases by the number of service years, up to five years.

Membership in MOAA is not mandatory, and there is no grade point average requirement.

Semifinalists will be notified by e-mail in March and may be asked to provide more detailed information. The scholarships will be given by late August.

For more information and to apply, visit <http://www.moaa.org/Education/2003> (Courtesy of Air Force Reserve Command News Service)

Here comes the judge

AFLSA brings justice to base

By Jennifer Valentin
Wingspread staff writer

Tucked away in the basement of the Air Force Recruiting Service's headquarters building is one of Randolph's smallest and least known, but one of the most important, organizations.

Randolph is home to the Central Circuit of the Air Force Legal Services Agency, which is headquartered at Bolling Air Force Base, Washington, D.C. The AFLSA is divided into five circuits consisting of the Western Circuit at Travis AFB, California; the Pacific Circuit at Yokota Air Base, Japan; the European Circuit at Ramstein AB, Germany; the Eastern Circuit at Bolling AFB; and the Central Circuit here. The Central Circuit covers 25 bases, ranging from North Dakota to Texas and Wyoming to Arkansas, according to the central circuit office.

The 22-person unit here is comprised of three paralegals and nineteen judge advocates. These officers and NCOs are the counsel and judges that try Air Force courts-martial.

The Central Circuit has five circuit trial counsel who fly in to help wing Judge Advocate Generals prosecute difficult cases, said Tech. Sgt. Lori Levitt, central

circuit court administrator. It has six circuit defense counsel who fly in to help wing Area Defense Counsel defend those same difficult cases. Its six judges preside over every court-martial, whether the circuit counsel are helping or not. The circuit mission involves a lot of travel.

"The judges and attorneys are sent TDY to support the 25 bases and work on cases, they are usually gone about three-fourths of the year," said Sergeant Levitt. "They are involved mainly in courts-martial and Article 32 hearings."

Although the paralegal support staff doesn't travel nearly as much, said the sergeant, they keep the attorneys' and judges' dockets and ever-changing travel plans in order. Besides doing paralegal duties, the circuit is also responsible for their own computers, travel, security and budget.

"Since we are a detachment out of Bolling, we perform the duties of an orderly room," said the sergeant. "We are responsible for all of our needs."

The circuit prosecutors and defenders are a very select group of majors and captains who have already demonstrated excellence in the courtroom as wing JAGs and area defense counsel, said the sergeant. Military judges are an even more select group. They are generally O-5s and O-6s with a strong background in military justice and at least one assignment as a wing commander's senior legal advisor.

"In 2002 the circuit's judges presided over more than 383 courts-martial," said



Col. Patrick Rosenow, chief military judge, simulates interviewing a witness. (Photo by Jennifer Valentin)

Col. Patrick Rosenow, chief circuit judge. "Our cases involve a lot of drug and sex offenses. We also get a fair number of purely military offenses, such as AWOL or desertion, and disobedience or failure of duty."

AFLSA takes a great deal of professional pride in the roles they play in maintaining a fair and effective system of military justice.

"Without the roles we play we could not

be the world's best Air Force," said Colonel Rosenow. "No matter what the final verdict or sentence of any court-martial, it's not a happy matter. No one wants to see a fellow airman or officer teammate run into trouble. I'm proud to be associated with a group of outstanding attorneys and officers whose purpose is to make sure that the sons and daughters of America who have sworn to defend the constitution are protected by that same great document."



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Black Cultural Awareness Association Black History Month events announced

Feb. 1 - Gospel Fest, 4 p.m., Chapel 2	Feb. 14 - Children’s Dance, youth center, ages 9-13
Feb. 4 - Children’s Story Hour, 10-11 a.m., Library	Feb. 18 - Poetry Reading, 7 p.m., enlisted club
Feb. 5 - Children’s Story Hour, 10-11 a.m., Library	Feb. 20 - Health Fair
Feb. 11 - Children’s Story Hour, 10-11 a.m., Library	Feb. 21 - Golf Tournament
Feb. 12 - Luncheon, 11 a.m., Enlisted Club	For more information, call Staff Sgt. Chrystel Harris at 565-2081.

Get along with co-workers

By Jennifer Valentin
Wingspread staff writer

When keeping the peace with co-workers, it is important to not let personal feelings get in the way of the professional relationship, said John Gallardo, 12th Medical Operations Squadron, behavioral health counselor.

The key element to getting along with co-workers in the workplace is being aware of the three roles we play: professional, political and personal. In the work environment, most of the interaction should be in the professional level.

“As soon as an issue arises between two or more co-workers, the issue should be discussed,” said Mr. Gallardo. “As long as the co-workers are discussing a work issue on a professional level it will help them resolve the issue. Personalizing work issues usually will escalate the conflict and turns into trying to win, or deciding who is right and wrong.”

The co-worker who immediately discusses the problem with their supervisor, said Mr. Gallardo, is not taking a positive step toward resolving the problem. If a co-worker complains to their supervisor, this brings another party into the issue and

it becomes another person’s problem as well.

“It is best to resolve the conflict at the lowest level possible, between the co-workers who have the disagreement,” said Mr. Gallardo. “Only if there is no way the conflict can be resolved between the co-workers should a supervisor step in.”

If an employee has a problem with their supervisor, they should first look at the problem objectively, not personally, said Mr. Gallardo. Most issues are usually not about the supervisor. The issue is usually about the job or a policy the supervisor is passing on and cannot be changed. In this case the employee should accept it and realize that the policy cannot be changed.

“The employee has to accept and then adapt to the policy or rule that they may not agree with,” said Mr. Gallardo. “The employee has to remember they have a job to do. It is not personal.”

For example, if an employee has to work on a Saturday, they should accept it, because it is essential to their job and the mission, said Mr. Gallardo.

For more information on co-worker relationships, call 652-2300 to sign up for the lifeskills workshop.

Kids’ art contest deadline nears

By Andree Swanson
Special to the American Forces Press Service

ALEXANDRIA, Va. — Elementary school artists of military families have until Jan. 27 to enter the 2003 Armed Services YMCA Art Contest and earn a chance to win a \$500 Savings Bond.

The annual talent hunt is open to kindergartners through sixth graders of active and reserve component military families in all the services, including the Coast Guard. Winners are picked from each service and awarded a \$500 bond. Runners-up receive a \$100 bond.

Department of Defense and Coast Guard civilians’ children may enter in an honorary category for a \$100 bond.

Winners’ artwork is judged primarily on the theme of “My Military Family.” They’re featured on the

Military Family Month 2003 poster, traditionally distributed around Thanksgiving.

Children should draw their military family in color on 8.5- by-11-inch paper. Include the following on the back of each entry: student’s name, grade and age; address; phone number or a parent’s e-mail address; parents’ names; service affiliation; rank of military member; military installation; and school’s name if the child attends a Defense Department school.

Mail entries to Armed Services YMCA, Attn: Art Contest, 6359 Walker Lane, Suite 200, Alexandria, Va. 22310. Entries should be postmarked no later than Jan. 27.

For more information, visit the Armed Services YMCA Web site at www.asymca.org, or call (703) 313-9600. E-mail queries may be sent to militaryfamilyweek@asymca.org.



EDUCATION

Go get it

Supply analyst retires after nearly 44 years

By Richard Zowie
Wingspread staff writer

After nearly 44 years of combined government service, 27 being spent on active duty Air Force, Richard Arp retired Jan. 10.

The Pennsylvania native, who worked in 12th Supply Squadron's quality assurance as an analyst, began his career in 1959 after choosing the Air Force career over that of being a Pennsylvania state trooper. He was assigned to Randolph in 1979 and has worked on base nearly 23 years.

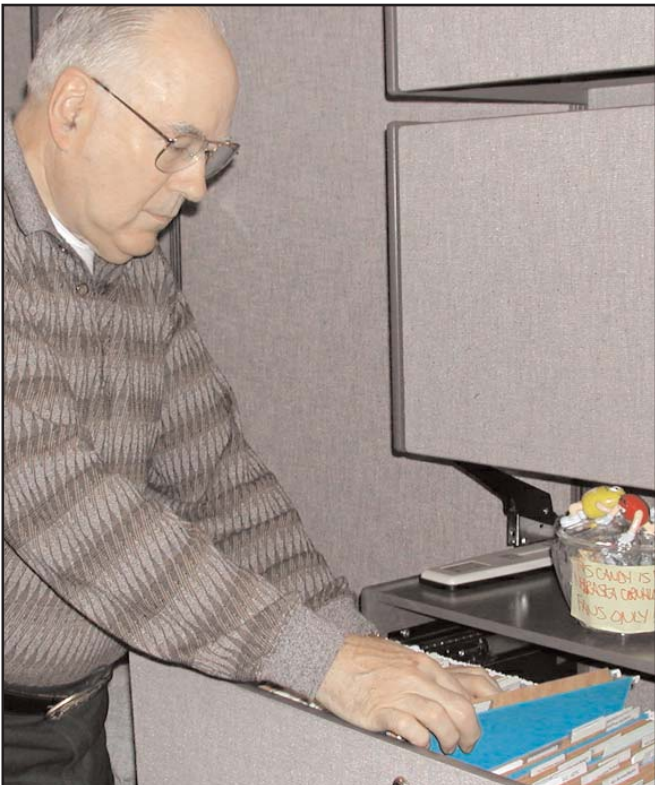
His first active duty position in 12th SUPS was in the research section before going on to manage retail sales. In 1981, he was transferred to the headquarters command section of Air Training Command where he worked as command equipment monitor.

After retiring from the military in 1986 as a senior master sergeant, Mr. Arp worked briefly for a private contractor on base and as an non-appropriated funds-employed bartender for the enlisted club before beginning his civil service career in 1989.

Mr. Arp has worked in supply his entire government career. As an analyst, he made sure supply accounts are in order and that any discrepancies and changes are annotated in discrepancy reports. He and other analysts perform analysis on customer service and bench stock.

"When I came to the states from Japan in 1979, I was in this building for about 2 months before they farmed me out to different sections," he said. "I came back as a civilian in 1989 and was in the same building."

In 1991, Mr. Arp won the Air Education and Training



After making sure they have completed information, Richard Arp files research analysis records. (Photo by Richard Zowie)

Command supply technician of the year award. He's also won quarterly awards.

"The award is something that says management thinks

you're doing a good job," he said. "You always want to get those pats on your back. And when it comes to promotion time, it helped."

Mr. Arp said he'll miss the people he works with. "It's a good group, and they mesh well," he said. "It's more like a family than a military organization. We joke amongst ourselves. Everything's not 100 percent serious. Everybody knows their jobs and then do them well."

Of his assignments, Mr. Arp served 12 total years in over-sea tours. He spent a year at Osan Air Base, South Korea, and the rest of the time in Japan, where he met his wife, Nobuko.

"My wife has been the motivation behind my achievements," said Mr. Arp. "Nobuko was always there to soothe away the aches and pains of the daily grind. I couldn't have made it as far as I did without her."

He also served at the U.S. Air Force Academy, working as an individual equipment and mobility equipment supervisor.

"We're going to miss Mr. Arp a lot," said Tech. Sgt. Beth Johnson, NCOIC of quality assurance. "During the three years I've worked with him, he's been a highly-motivated employee. His retiring is like someone moving away from the family."

Among the retirement plans for Mr. Arp are an Alaskan cruise and doing some fishing and hunting with equipment he recently purchased. He bought a compound bow for hunting and said he'd like to catch some bass or trout with his fly rod, although at this stage he's not sure he'll keep what he catches.

"I'll miss the people I've worked with, but it's time for me to go out and try something new," he said.

Library offers fun for everyone

By Jennifer Valentin
Wingspread staff writer

The Randolph Library has new books and other items for the base community.

The library purchased new books, CDs, DVDs and audio books on cassette and CD.

"We were fortunate enough to purchase more children's books because the children's and juvenile's section of the library were in need of more books," said Gail Trevino, reference librarian.

New books were added to the classic fiction section, as well as books on health, history and sports books in the nonfiction area, said Ms. Trevino. The library also purchased new book

trucks, furniture, safety ladders, story hour supplies and some new computers.

"The more we read the more we learn," said Ms. Trevino. "Each book read holds new ideas, new information and new excitement. People should try different subjects to read about, instead of just sticking to one subject area."

The library has purchased a new web-based integrated library system. Records are currently being transferred from the old system to the new, said Ms. Trevino.

The library's children story hours are Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 10 a.m. The children receive a snack and can make crafts.

For more information about library services, call 652-2617.



Cynthia Huddleston puts away some of the books at the base library. (Photo by Jennifer Valentin)

Pedestrian safety: Take it one step at a time

Cross street at the corners

By Jennifer Valentin
Wingspread staff writer

While most of us where taught to look both ways before crossing the street, five thousand pedestrians are killed every year, while 85,000 pedestrians are injured annually, according to the U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration Web site.

Sixty percent of the pedestrian fatalities are working adults, while 23 percent are ages 65 or older and 17 percent are children up to age 20, according to www.fhwa.dot.gov.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Web site, www.nhtsa.dot.gov, you should always walk on the sidewalk. If there is no sidewalk, always walk facing traffic so any car that may go out of control can be seen.

When you cross a street, cross at designated crosswalks or in a well-lit area,” said Tech. Sgt. Olga Maldonado, 12th Security Forces Squadron.

When crossing the street, cross only at corners or marked crosswalks, according to the NHTSA. Stop at the curb or edge of the road, look left, right and then left again. If a

car is approaching, wait until it passes by, then look left and right again, and then cross the street.

“Do not assume that the operators of the vehicle are going to stop while you are crossing,” said the sergeant. “I suggest keeping an eye on the approaching vehicle.”

If a car is parked where the crossing is, make sure there is no one in the vehicle, and then go to the edge of the vehicle to make sure no cars are coming.

“Drivers should remember to watch out for pedestrians crossing or walking near roadways,” said Sergeant Maldonado. “Be

especially careful while driving through housing because you never know when a child may dart out into the street.”

Randolph has not had a pedestrian accident in two years, according to the 12th SFS.

“High pedestrian areas that everyone should be careful around are the elementary school, the BX and commissary parking lots, Air Force Personnel Center and Air Force Recruiting Service building,” said the sergeant.

For more information on pedestrian safety, call 12th SFS at 652-5700, or visit www.fhwa.dot.gov, or www.nhtsa.dot.gov.

Fatal distractions ... driving deserves your full attention

Randolph Community Bulletin Board



Miscellaneous Community Notes

RFISD Board of Trustees meeting

The Randolph Field Independent School District Board of Trustees will meet Thursday at 4:15 p.m. in the elementary school commons area. The public is welcome.

An agenda of the meeting is available at www.randolph-field.k12.tx.us.

12th FTW Medallion Ceremony

The 12th Flying Training Wing Medallion Ceremony is Feb. 6 at 10 a.m. in the base theater. The dress is the uniform of the day.

For more information, call Master Sgt. Tim Ocnashek at 652-5509.

ADC office closed

The Area Defense Council will be closed Jan. 27-31 for the Central Circuit Trial and Defense Conference. In case of emergencies, call 652-2274, and leave and message and phone number, and calls will be returned as necessary. Or, e-mail rosene.goods@randolph.af.mil.

GEHA health plan representative

A representative from Government Employees Hospital Association, Inc., Health Benefit Plan will be available Wednesday 1-3 p.m. at Building 399, room 102, to answer any questions regarding issues with a plan.

Only walk-ins will be accepted, no appointments will be accepted.

For more information, call Sandra Knutson at 652-5153.

MLK Day observance

The Randolph Black Cultural Awareness Association will be sponsoring a Martin Luther King Day observance service today at 11 a.m. at Chapel 2. The keynote speaker is Bennie Cole, a manpower consultant from the 12th Flying Training Wing manpower office.

For more information, call Master Sgt. Teresa Hall at 652-4799.

Red Cross looking for volunteers

The American Red Cross is looking for volunteers to assist with the local needs of the military community. Volunteers of all ages and backgrounds can help. Volunteers are needed weekdays, evenings or weekends, to help take calls, complete emergency casework, assist with briefings or provide help to families' requests.

For more information, or to sign up, call 224-5151, ext. 248.

Parenting of teenagers

If parents are having trouble communicating with their teenagers, the family advocacy office is offering weekly scheduled classes on Parenting of Teenagers starting Jan. 24. These classes will be held in Building 860 from 11 a.m. to noon.

For more information, or to register, call 652-2448.



Commander's Access Channel

On base TVs hooked to cable

People who have televisions hooked up to cable on base have the capability of viewing the Commander's Access Channel, channel 21. The access channel provides real-time information about base events and other activities of interest to members of the Randolph community. The access channel is especially useful when people need to find out details about inclement weather reporting procedures, real-world or exercise activities, gate closures or other events that affect operations at Randolph. For more information about the access channel or to find out how to post information, call Tech. Sgt. Cheri Dragos-Pritchard or Ralph Monson at 652-5760. Air Force News Service video will be broadcast Fridays at noon.



Building 693

Moms, Pops and Tots

Moms, Pops and Tots is an educational and play group for children 5 and under. They meet Thursday from 10-11:30 a.m. at the chapel center.

For more information, call 652-5321.

Airmen's Attic

Visit the Airmen's Attic, for E-4 and below, Thursday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Donations are accepted by either dropping off items Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., or they can be picked up at the home by calling 652-3060.

Family University

The Family University is scheduled for Jan. 25 starting at 9:30 a.m.

At the Family University, ten classes will be offered for families to choose from. Games and activities are offered for the children. The classes offered are foundations of healthy relationships, raising drug free kids, shaping the child's behavior, stress and life skills, smart shopping and cancer awareness.

Each class will be presented twice and each will last one hour. Childcare will be offered for toddlers and infants.

The Family University is held at the elementary school, with a continental breakfast. Classes are held from 10 a.m. to noon. From noon to 1 p.m., lunch and door prizes will be offered.

Families must RSVP by Thursday to the family support center at 652-5321.



Building 208

SMU

A representative from Southern Methodist University will be available Jan. 23 at the education center from 11 a.m. 1 p.m.

Call 348-7689 for more information on reserving a seat for the next information session.

Southwest Texas State University

Bachelor of Applied Arts and Sciences degree utilizes military credits, Community College of the Air Force, tech school, work experience, and College Level Education Preparation and Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Education Support.

Both military and civilians are invited. SWT also features an AFROTC program. A representative is available on-base Mondays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the education center.

Call 659-0954 for more information, or e-mail BH11@swt.edu.

Air University

Announced are the following changes to the College for Enlisted Professional Military Education Distance Learning program for Senior Non-Commissioned Officers. Shelf stock for the Air Force Senior NCO Academy Multimedia Correspondence Course, Course 00005 was exhausted. It is transitioning to the revised Air Force Senior NCO Professional Military Education Course, Course 12, which is expected to be ready this month.

New students may continue enrolling in course 00005 through their education office.

Any student who enrolled on or after Aug. 28 will not receive course material until this month. Students currently enrolled in course 00005 may continue working on course 00005 until completion. Course 00005 will remain active until each student completes, fails, drops or is disenrolled for nonparticipation. Those students with active enrollments in course 00005 will continue to receive customer service until no longer needed.

Students enrolled in course 00005 when course 12 is activated will receive a one-time opportunity to switch to course 00012. Students will have through March 31 to disenroll from course 00005 and enroll in course 00012.

For further information about the new course, go to the course 00012 Web site at <http://course12.maxwell.af.mil>. Additional details on course 12 will also be published with the activation announcement.

Family Support Center

Telephone: 652-5321



Building 102

Protestant

Sunday - Worship 1 at 8:30 a.m. in Chapel 1; Liturgical at 10 a.m. in Chapel 1; Worship II at 11:30 a.m. in Chapel 1; Gospel at 1 p.m. in Chapel 1

Monday - Male Gospel Choir at 7 p.m. in Chapel 1

Tuesday - Men's Bible Study at 11:30 a.m. in the chapel center; Protestant Women of the Chapel Autumn Winds visit

Wednesday - PWOC Bible Study at 12:15 p.m. in the chapel center; Women's Bible Study at 6 p.m. in the chapel center; Gospel Choir at 7 p.m. in Chapel 1

Thursday - Children's Choir at 5:15 p.m. in Chapel 1; Chancel Choir at 7 p.m. in Chapel 1

Catholic

Today - Rosary at 11:10 a.m. in Chapel 1; Mass at 11:30 a.m. in Chapel 1

Saturday - Catholic Women of the Chapel at 9:30 a.m. in the chapel center; Confession at 4:30 p.m. in Chapel 1; Mass at 5:30 p.m. in Chapel 1

Sunday - Catholic Religious Education at 9:45 a.m. in the chapel center; Mass at 8:30 a.m., 10 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. in Chapel 2; Children's Choir Practice at 12:30 p.m. in Chapel 2

Monday - Chapel center closed, No Mass, Martin Luther King Day

Tuesday - Rosary at 11:10 a.m. in Chapel 1; Mass at 11:30 a.m. in Chapel 1; Contemporary Teen and Adult Choir at 6:30 p.m. in Chapel 2; Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults at 7 p.m. in the chapel center

Wednesday - Rosary at 11:10 a.m. in Chapel 1; Mass at 11:30 a.m. in Chapel 1

Thursday - Rosary at 11:10 a.m. in Chapel 1; Mass at 11:30 a.m. in Chapel 1; Cantor/Choir Practice at 6:30 p.m. in Chapel 2

Friday - Rosary at 11:10 a.m. in Chapel 1; Mass at 11:30 a.m. in Chapel 1

Ecumenical

Monday - Wedding Briefing at 3 p.m. in the chapel center; Officers Christian Fellowship Bible Study at 7 p.m. at Maj. John Apostolides' house

Wednesday - Film Luncheon at 11 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. in the chapel center; Christian Youth of the Chapel Bible Study at 7:30 p.m. at 9 Military Plaza at Chaplain Everett Schrum's house

The Randolph Chapel commemorates Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

The chapel is holding Protestant worship services Sunday at 8:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. The guest speaker will be Dr. Noel Erskine from Emory University in Georgia.



Building 100

Telephone: 652-3278

Admission at the base theater is \$2 for adults and \$1.50 for children unless otherwise noted.

Today

"Extreme Ops" (PG-13), 7 p.m. Starring Devon Sawa. A film crew travels to film extreme sports enthusiasts and end up shooting a war criminal's hideout.

Saturday

"Treasure Planet" (PG), 2 p.m. Starring the voice of Martin Short. A movie about an intergalactic treasure hunt and a map of a pirate's treasure.

"Die Another Day" (PG-13), 7 p.m. Starring Pierce Brosnan. James Bond has to unmask a traitor and prevent a war.

Sunday

"Treasure Planet" (PG), 2 p.m. Starring the voice of Martin Short.

"Analyze That" (R), 7 p.m. Starring Robert De Niro. A psychiatrist helps a mobster with issues.

Chapel Services

Movies

“...*I have a dream*

that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed: “We hold these truths to be self-evident: that all men are created equal.”

I have a dream that one day on the red hills of Georgia the sons of former slaves and the sons of former slaveowners will be able to sit down together at a table of brotherhood.

I have a dream that one day even the state of Mississippi, a desert state, sweltering with the heat of injustice and oppression, will be transformed into an oasis of freedom and justice.

I have a dream that my four children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character.

I have a dream today.

I have a dream that one day the state of Alabama, whose governor’s lips are presently dripping with the words of interposition and nullification, will be transformed into a situation where little black boys and black girls will be able to join hands with little white boys and white girls and walk together as sisters and brothers.

I have a dream today.

I have a dream that one day every valley shall be exalted, every hill and mountain shall be made low, the rough places will be made plain, and the crooked places will be made straight, and the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together.

This is our hope. This is the faith with which I return to the South. With this faith we will be able to hew out of the mountain of despair a stone of hope. With this faith we will be able to transform the jangling discords of our nation into a beautiful symphony of brotherhood. With this faith we will be able to work together, to pray together, to struggle together, to go to jail together, to stand up for freedom together, knowing that we will be free one day.

This will be the day when all of God’s children will be able to sing with a new meaning, “My country, ‘tis of thee, sweet land of liberty, of thee I sing. Land where my fathers died, land of the pilgrim’s pride, from every mountainside, let freedom ring.”

And if America is to be a great nation this must become true. So let freedom ring from the prodigious hilltops of New Hampshire. Let freedom ring from the mighty mountains of New York. Let freedom ring from the heightening

Alleghenies of Pennsylvania!

Let freedom ring from the snowcapped Rockies of Colorado!

Let freedom ring from the curvaceous peaks of California!

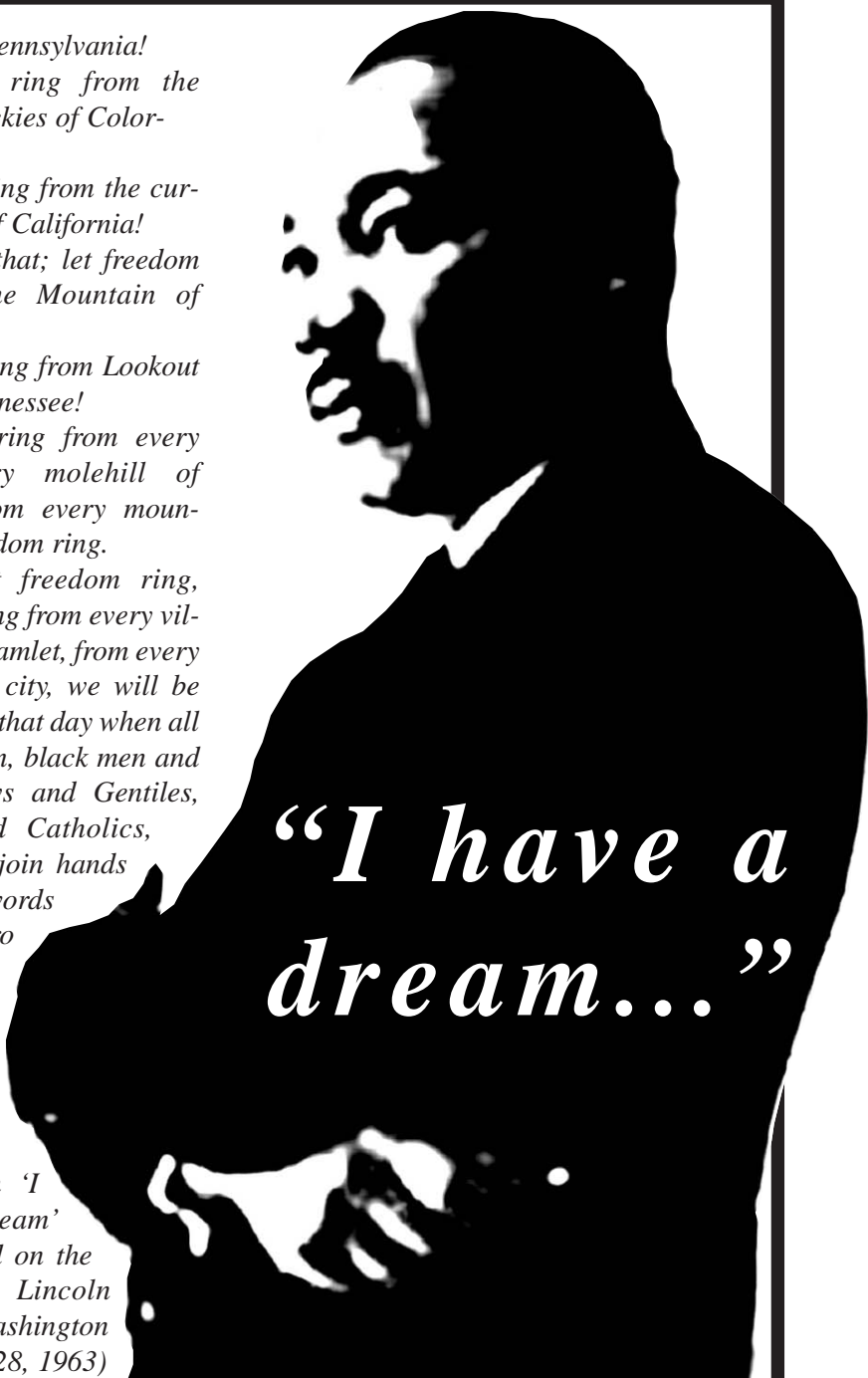
But not only that; let freedom ring from Stone Mountain of Georgia!

Let freedom ring from Lookout Mountain of Tennessee!

Let freedom ring from every hill and every molehill of Mississippi. From every mountainside, let freedom ring.

When we let freedom ring, when we let it ring from every village and every hamlet, from every state and every city, we will be able to speed up that day when all of God’s children, black men and white men, Jews and Gentiles, Protestants and Catholics, will be able to join hands and sing in the words of the old Negro spiritual, “Free at last! free at last! thank God Almighty, we are free at last!”

(Excerpt from ‘I Have a Dream’ speech delivered on the steps at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington D.C. on August 28, 1963)



MLK Day celebrated locally, worldwide

By Jennifer Valentin
Wingspread staff writer

The Randolph Black Cultural Awareness Association will celebrate Martin Luther King Jr. Day today at 11 a.m. in Chapel 2.

The keynote speaker is Bennie Cole, a manpower consultant from the 12th Flying Training Wing manpower office.

Every year since 1986, the third Monday in January has been observed as Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Fifteen years after Dr. King’s death, President Ronald Reagan signed a bill into law making that day a national holiday celebrating his life and accomplishments.

According to the MLK Web site, the bill was introduced by a member of the House of

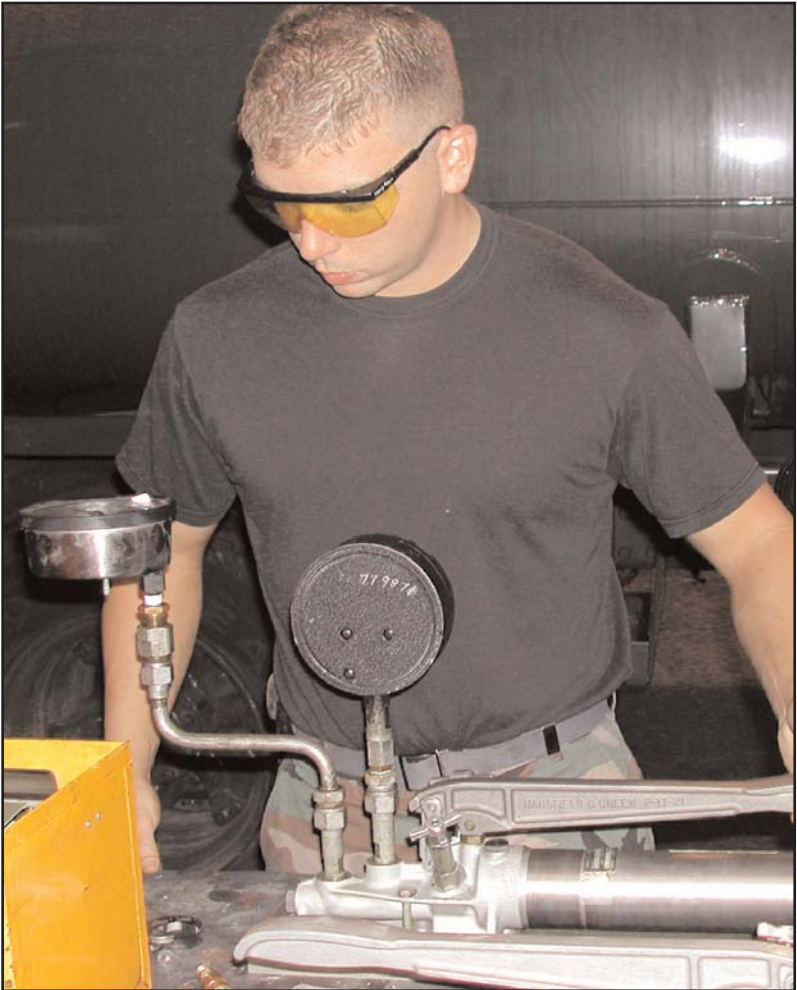
Representatives and after work in committee, the bill was sent to a vote. The House of Representatives voted, passing it Nov. 2, 1983, 338 to 90.

There were many opposed to the idea of the holiday, according to the Web site. Many felt that there were others who deserved a holiday as well, or they felt that Dr. King was not deserving of the recognition. Others felt

the holiday was meant as a way to help overcome the slavery issue.

For more information on Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. visit www.defenselink.mil/specials/mlk2003/ and www.mlkonline.com.

For more information on the observance service, call Master Sgt. Teresa Hall at 652-4799.



(Above) Airman 1st Class Mark Teem calibrates a refueling truck gauge to ensure it properly measures pressure. (Left) Airman Teem removes a gauge from a refueling truck to calibrate it. (Photos by Richard Zowie)

Airman reflects on 179-day Middle East deployment

By Richard Zowie
Wingspread staff writer

What began June 25 as a 90-day deployment to Southwest Asia for Airman 1st Class Mark Teem eventually escalated to a 179-day stay in the Middle East that lasted until Dec. 20.

For the 25-year-old Ohio native, who works in 12th Transportation Squadron as a special vehicle maintenance apprentice, his extended stay in Southwest Asia came as a consequence of being in a small career field. He described the refueling maintenance career field as very small.

Airman Teem and another mechanic worked primarily on R-9 and R-11 refuel-

ing trucks and fire trucks. He admitted it was tough at times watching others rotate out while he stayed.

“The two of us were the only ones in the squadron who got extended,” he said. “We saw three different rotations from three different bases, mechanic-wise, that came and went while we stayed. Every single time they left, we had to listen to them counting down the days while we still had months to go. They had a lot more in their career field, which is why they got rotated out.”

A typical day for him began at 8 a.m. and lasted until 7 p.m., six days a week. Airman Teem expected he would be living in a tent, sleeping in a cot and even having e-mail access, but when he settled into his

job he encountered a surprise that made his deployment an educational experience.

At technical school, he’d learned to work on the new trucks the Air Force had. In Southwest Asia, though, he found himself and his crewmate responsible for the maintenance and repair of 20 year-old trucks.

“Over there, they had old trucks, nothing like what I trained on at tech school,” he recalled. “Even though everything seemed basically the same, everything was still different. I had to relearn the stuff all over again. I had to teach myself.”

Besides repairing refueling trucks that wouldn’t pump, changing starters and flywheels and tackling transmission jobs that

would take an entire week, Airman Teem and his crewmate also had the challenges of meeting the quotas of repair for regular vehicles and mission-critical vehicles.

As he learned to work on old vehicles and worked to meet repair deadlines, the airman said his deployment taught him many things.

“I learned more on my deployment than I’ve learned after working my job in the Air Force for three years,” he said. “When we’re deployed, we use all the skills that you learn from your career development courses and tech school skills. You may not use them at your normal duty station, but you could find yourself using them in a deployment.”

Base firemen do more than battle heat

By Jennifer Valentin
Wingspread staff writer

There are currently approximately 70 firefighters assigned here, keeping the base population safe from fires, preventing them and stopping them.

The firefighters are a combination of military members and civilians, said Eloy Uresti, Randolph Fire Department. The fire department has two shifts. The duty week is made up of one 24-hour shift and then one day off, and every two weeks the firefighters are on a three-day break. Their average work week is 72 hours long.

The fire station has bunkrooms in the station, but the firefighters are not allowed to sleep during the duty day, said Mr. Uresti. Standby time starts at 4 p.m. everyday, when the firefighters can do their own cooking in the station kitchen.

The typical day for the firefighters starts with an official shift change at 7:30 a.m., and the firefighters are assigned various vehicles to either drive or man, said Mr. Uresti.

The firefighters conduct ongoing training everyday, and, depending

on the day, they conduct clean-up duties.

“For example,” said Mr. Uresti, “every Thursday is vehicle wash day, every Monday is portable equipment start-up day. Every day here is a clean-up day.”

Firefighters have to graduate from technical school at Goodfellow Air Force Base, Texas, before they can be assigned to bases around the world, said Mr. Uresti.

“The training is continuous, it never ends,” said Mr. Uresti. “Certification processes are ongoing for civilians and military.”

Each fire officer must be certified to a required specific level of training in order to occupy that position.

The training at Goodfellow AFB includes two course sections, the apprentice fire protection course and the advanced fire training course.

Some of the apprentice course topics and classes include building construction, patient care, hazardous environments, clothing, structures and car fires. Some of the advanced courses include hazardous materials training, fire mar-



Airmen 1st Class Tyler Osburn, Randolph firefighter, checks his mask at the fire station. (Photo by Jennifer Valentin)

shal information and fire officer courses.

There are also emergency medical technicians on duty at the fire station. The fire department is trained to respond as first responders to all medical emergencies reported through the 911 reporting system, said Mr. Uresti. The call is

also reported to the American Medical Response Ambulance Company for transportation and advanced medical care.

“We have been fortunate to have adequate funding available for the medical equipment we use daily,” said Mr. Uresti.

The fire department has a Fire

Prevention Element composed of two fire inspectors, one fire extinguisher technician and one assistant chief.

The overall responsibility of this element is to educate the base about fire safety, said Mr. Uresti. Fire inspectors visit all the facilities on base throughout the year conducting fire safety inspections.

The fire extinguisher shop is responsible for all flightline extinguishers and buildings’ portable fire extinguishers. This shop services all portable extinguishers, so if one is low, that office should contact the fire department.

“The Randolph firefighters are always ready for every emergency,” said Lt. Col. Joel Benefield, 12th Civil Engineer Squadron commander. “Some of the best times they have are with the base community as they stop for a visit. The children make the duty the most rewarding. In the end, the more the firefighters bond with the base, the better fire protection will be for everyone at Randolph. People are always welcome for a tour or a visit.”

For more information on the fire station, call 652-8110.

Base offers monthly activities

Today through Sunday Mid-Winter Open Skeet Shoot

The Mid-Winter Open Registered Skeet Shoot Offs will be held today through Sunday. Fees are \$25 per 100 targets plus daily fees. Rotations will begin with Friday doubles starting at 1 p.m., Saturday and Sunday at 9 a.m.

Anyone interested in participating may call the Randolph Skeet Range at 652-2064 or equipment rental at 652-3702.

Today Martin Luther King Dance

The youth center has scheduled a Martin Luther King Dance for preteens, ages 9-12, from 7-10 p.m. The entry fee is \$2 for members and \$3 for guests. Pre-registration will be open through Wednesday.

For more information, call 652-3298.

Today through Monday Santa Fe Ski Trip

Join us on the motor coach ski trip to Santa Fe, New Mexico. It departs from base tonight at 6 p.m. and returns Monday approximately 6 a.m. Tour cost is \$379 per person. Package includes round trip transportation, lodging and ski equipment.

For more information, call Information, Tickets and Travel at 652-2301.

Monday Martin Luther King Bowling Day

Come celebrate Martin Luther King’s birthday at the bowling center. Bowl for \$1.50 per game, per person from 1-9 p.m.

Call for details at 652-6271.

Thursday Airmen’s Appreciation Meal

Enjoy dinner at the airmen’s dining facility. The meal is served from 4:30-6:30 p.m. Grab-N-Go and carry out will not be available.

For more information, call 652-2555.

Jan. 25 Texas Treasure Casino Tour

Join a casino cruise ship out of Port Aransas. The motor coach will depart Randolph at 7:30 a.m. and return approximately 8:30 p.m. Tour price is \$25. The next tour dates are Feb. 8, March 8 and April 5.

For more information, call ITT at 652-2301.

Teen Super Bowl Pre-Game Party

Enjoy a pre-game party at the youth center from 7-11



@ your service

p.m. Enjoy food, door prizes, Super Bowl clips and giveaways.

The pre-register deadline is Wednesday.
For more information, call 652-3298.

Jan. 26 Super Bowl Party-Enlisted Club

Come join the enlisted club at 3 p.m. Reservations will be made for the top 30 Football Fandimonia timecard holders and their guests. All remaining seating will be on a first come, first served basis. Food and drink specials, complimentary hors d’oeuvres and door prizes will be given away.

For more information, call 652-3056.

Jan. 28, 29 Children’s Story Hour

Come join the library Tuesday and Wednesday at 10 a.m. for a story hour for preschoolers.

Children can complete craft projects and receive a snack.
For more information, call 652-2617.

San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo

Limited amount of tickets are now available at ITT for the rodeo Feb. 1-16.

For more information, call 652-2301.

Shop Laredo

Sign up now for the next Laredo tour Feb 22. The bus will depart Randolph at 7:45 a.m. and return approximately 8:30 p.m. The tour price is \$25. Additional tour dates are March 29 and April 19.

Sea World of Texas

Sea World San Antonio presents more than 25 sensational shows, thrilling rides, animal attractions and educational experiences for all ages. A two-year season pass is now available for \$76.50.

Entertainment books

Entertainment books are now available. Save up to 50

percent on dining, travel, shopping, movies, local attractions, sports and more. Stop by the ITT office and purchase a book for only \$20.

Planning a vacation?

Stop by ITT and check out the Armed Forces Vacation Club. Seven nights in a resort anywhere in the world for \$249. Available to all military and most DoD personnel. Armed Forces Vacation Club is a space available program that offers DoD affiliated personnel the opportunity to take affordable condominium vacations at resorts around the world for only \$249 per unit per week.

Feb. 15 Vanishing River Cruise

Winter and early spring are dominated by American Bald Eagles that migrate to the Texas Colorado River Canyon for the winter. A trip will be departing Feb. 15 at 8 a.m. and returning at 8 p.m. The trip includes roundtrip transportation by motor coach, lunch on a boat, photo moments, a driver and escort. Admission to boat ride with lunch, wine tasting at Falls Creek Winery, and shopping in Burnet is \$49.50 per person. The deadline for signing up is Feb. 1.

For more information, call ITT at 652-2301.

Kinder Gambling Trip

The Kinder Gambling Trip is March 18 and 19. The cost is \$25 per person.

Call ITT for more information at 652-2301.

Spider-Man

Spider-Man appears live on-stage Feb. 5-9 in a stunt spectacular, at the Majestic Theater.

Advanced tickets are now available at ITT at 652-2301

Mamma Mia

Mamma Mia runs March 4-16 at the Majestic Theater. Tickets are now available at ITT at 652-2301

Smucker’s Stars on Ice

Smucker’s Stars on Ice is April 10 - 13.
Advanced tickets now available at ITT at 652-2301.

Airmen’s Dining Facility

Building 860 — 652-5533
Recorded Menu 652-MEAL (6325)

Weekday meals:
5:45 a.m. - 0745 Breakfast
10:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. Lunch

4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Dinner
7 p.m. - 8 p.m. Carry out

Weekends and Holidays:
8 a.m. - 1 p.m. Brunch
4 p.m. - 6 p.m. Dinner
No carry out

We are all Recruiters



Each member in the Air Force is an “ambassador in blue” in the local communities. Each person can make a difference in the decision for someone to join the Air Force. Here are some tips on how you can help the recruiting effort.

- ❑ Be a role model in your community.
- ❑ Talk to young people in grocery stores at the checkout line, dry cleaners or while shopping.
- ❑ Get involved with youth programs, whether in high schools or through church and community organizations.
- ❑ Volunteer as a recruiter for a week.
- ❑ Work with your local recruiting squadron

and set up some time to visit classrooms to talk about your experience.

- ❑ Talk about what the Air Force has done for you and the successes you’ve had because you joined.
- ❑ Talk about why you are staying in the Air Force.
- ❑ Take advantage of the Recruiter Assistance Program. Each member of the Air Force is authorized a permissive TDY home for up to 12 days to perform recruiting duties with the local recruiter.
- ❑ Work with the public affairs office and support base tours for local recruiters. Get local high

school guidance counselors and principals involved with base activities.

- ❑ Establish an “Adopt a High School Program,” where local high schools are brought in for base tours and Air Force members in each unit can talk about their experiences in the service.
 - ❑ Invite local school leaders and counselors for base orientations, certainly events like air shows.
 - ❑ Remember to keep your public affairs office informed of these activities mentioned.
- Contact the 12th Flying Traing Wing Public Affairs office at 652-5760 for more information.

12th CS remains undefeated

By Airman 1st Class Chad Tarpley
12th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

The 12th Communications Squadron added another win to its undefeated record by defeating the 12th Transportation Squadron 62-44 in an intramural matchup at the fitness center Jan. 9.

“The key to winning this game for us was defense,” said Chris Haynes, 12th CS coach. “We came at them hard and created a lot of turnovers, which resulted in easy layups on the other end of the court.”

The 12th CS began the game on the right foot by grabbing the jump ball. They were unable to score on their first possession, but Robert Smalls got a steal and hit an open layup. As soon as 12th TRANS got the ball back on offense, Smalls stole the ball again and passed up court to Bobby Padilla who was fouled. He made both free throws to make the score 4-0 with 12th CS ahead. During the next 12th CS possession, Ed Simpson caught a pass from Padilla and hit a base-line jumpshot.

The 12th TRANS squad, held scoreless in the first two minutes, struggled with getting the ball past the 12th CS full-court press. Keith Nash broke the scoring drought when he drove to the lane and connected with a layup. Adam Wilson helped out with two points of his own during 12th TRANS’ next possession.

Just as 12th TRANS showed signs of making the score close, Dre Starkes, 12th CS, hit a three pointer from three feet outside the line. During their next possession, Dion Milam gave Tyrone Wright a pass and watched as he hit a three. 12th TRANS failed to answer and Starkes added more points to the 12th CS lead as he hit another three with a defender’s hand in his face, making the score 15-4 with 13 minutes left.

12th TRANS showed signs of a comeback when Chad Lee hit two layups in row, Nash made a layup and Dan Gereau made a jumpshot of his own.

To answer the 12th TRANS run, Smalls substituted into the game and immediately went to the basket and made a layup. Simpson, 12th CS, got back into the action and scored four points straight with two free throws and another short jumpshot making the score 25-10 with 5 minutes left. To add to the 12th CS’ run, Wright stole the ball in the open court and dunked it using two hands.

For the rest of the half, both teams traded baskets. The half-time score was 32-18 with 12th CS in the lead.

In the second half, Wilson, 12th TRANS, started with a spin move that resulted in a layup. Simpson, 12th CS, answered by going to the hole and getting fouled. He made the first one, missed the second, but grabbed his own rebound and made the short jumpshot.

In the next 12th CS possession, Keith Williams connected for a three pointer making the score 38-20. The short 12th CS run prompted 12th TRANS to call a timeout with 10 minutes left. The timeout worked as 12th TRANS scored eight straight points causing 12th CS to call a timeout of their own.

Back from the timeout, 12th CS went back to work. Milam scored twice in a row after low post moves. Chad Lee, 12th TRANS, hit a three to answer, making the score 45-32. This would be the closest 12th TRANS would get to the defending base champion 12th CS team.

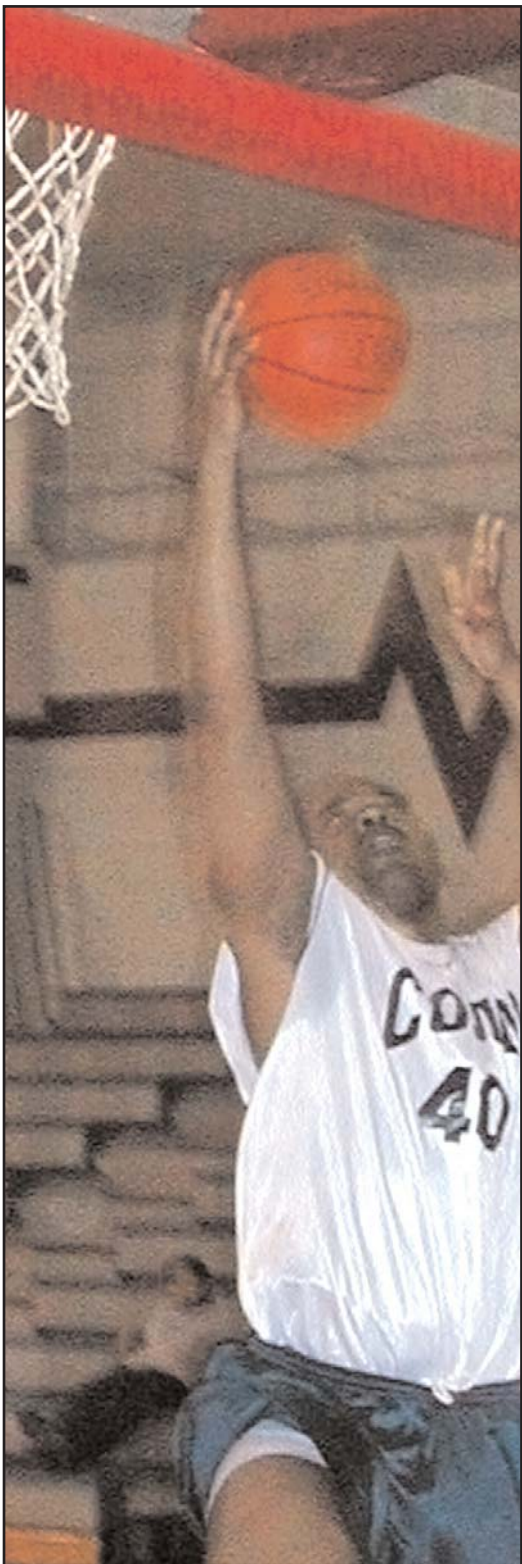
The 12th CS squad capped off the game with Smalls scoring four points in a row off steals. The final score was 62-44 leaving 12th CS 8-0 and 12th TRANS 5-3.

The top scorer for the for 12th CS was Wright with 15 points. Other teammates to get on the board were Simpson with 13 points, Smalls with 12 points, Starkes with 6 points, Padilla and Milam with 4 points each, Joe Kernan with 3 points and James Smith with 2 points.

The top scorer for 12th TRANS was Nash with 12 points. Other teammates to score were Gereau with 11, Lee with 9, Wilson with 6, Chris Bryson with 4 and Corey Sundquist with 2 points.



Justin Holchstein, 12th Communications Squadron, goes up for a jumpshot while Dan Gereau, 12th Transportation Squadron, attempts to block it. (Photo by Airman 1st Class Chad Tarpley)



Ed Simpson, 12th Communications Squadron, goes for an uncontested layup. (Photo by Airman 1st Class Chad Tarpley)

Two Team Randolph members win Football Frenzy

By Airman 1st Class Chad Tarpley
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When James Lucas and Chief Master Sgt. William Jennings submitted their names into Football Frenzy drawings at the Randolph Enlisted Club, they hoped to win a trip to a National Football League game but didn’t actually expect to win.

The Football Frenzy is a promotion in which club members watching National Football League action Sunday or Monday nights could enter a drawing to win prizes. This time, the prizes were trips to the Super Bowl and Pro Bowl.

“This is one of the many programs that the Enlisted Club has to reward it’s members,” said Linda Cole, manager of the Enlisted Club. “This shows that the rewards for being a member can be pretty significant.”

Chief Jennings is on his way to Hawaii to watch the Pro Bowl and Mr. Lucas is going to San Diego to watch the Super Bowl.

This is the second year in a row that Chief Jennings won this contest. Last year, he was fortunate enough to go to the Super Bowl. “It was awesome to win last year but to win two times in a row is just unbelievable,” said Chief Jennings.

This is the first time Mr. Lucas has won anything of this magnitude. “I’m really excited about winning this contest,” said



Mike Casey, 12th Services Division flight chief of business operations; Col. Mark Graper, 12th Flying Training Wing commander; James Lucas, Super Bowl winner; Pro Bowl winner Chief Master Sgt. William Jennings, 12th Medical Group superintendent; Linda Cole, Enlisted Club manager, and Chief Master Sgt. Timmothy Dickens, 12th Flying Training Wing command chief, pose for pictures after the Football Frenzy winners were announced. (Photo by O.J. Sanchez)

Mr. Lucas. “My son lives in San Diego so it will give me another chance to see him. Kind of a double bonus.”

Other Football Frenzy winners joining Chief Jennings in Hawaii are Airman 1st Class Phillip Cox, Elmendorf Air Force Base, Alaska; Staff Sgt. Jow Marcum, Sembach AFB, Germany; Ginny Toms, Seymour Johnson AFB N.C.; and Christe Stiles, Minot AFB, N.D.

The winners who will join Mr. Lucas in

San Diego are Senior Airman Jeremy Gould, Osan AB, South Korea; Carol Hollen, RAF Mildenhall, England; Master Sgt. Carl Dean, Travis AFB, Calif.; and Capt. Eric Carney, Charleston AFB, S.C.

While in Hawaii, Chief Jennings plans on visiting the USS Arizona and Missouri memorials among other Hawaii attractions. He also plans on going SCUBA diving during his first trip to the islands.

Supporting the Football Frenzy world-

wide promotion this year are Miller Brewing Company, American Airlines, Destination Arlington, Battery Energy and the Double Tree Alana Waikiki.

Club members also have a chance to win a trip to Super Bowl 2004 by playing “Punch or Punt.” A new element to this seasons Frenzy, winners not only receive an entry for this season when they turn in their completed punch cards, they also get a chance to go the Super Bowl.

12th SFS suffers first loss

By Airman 1st Class Chad Tarpley
12th Flying Wing Training Public Affairs

The Air Force Occupational Measurement Squadron gave the 12th Security Forces Squadron team their first loss 38-35 after David Allick hit a game winning three pointer at the final buzzer in their intramural matchup in the fitness center on Monday.

12th SFS began the game on the right foot by winning the jump ball and Mike Holland scoring on a layup, but this was the last time they would have the lead.

Once AFOMS got the ball, they took control with Allick connecting with a layup of his own. During their next possession, Matt Forsythe caught the ball in the low post and connected with a turn-around jumpshot and got fouled. After he made the free throw, Allick stole the ball and hit another layup, making the score 5-2.

The 12th SFS had trouble getting back on defense after they shot the ball. Vic Anderson, AFOMS, found himself wide open for two layups in a row after long passes down court.

From that point, with AFOMS ahead by eight, each team traded points for the next four minutes. AFOMS went on an eight point run with Allick driving to the lane twice in a row for layups. The next two possessions, Allick found Forsythe open underneath the basket for another two. Anderson hit a soft jumpshot to cap off the run causing 12th SFS to call a timeout.

Down by 16 points with three minutes left, the timeout worked. Michael Battle, 12th SFS, hit two baseline jump-

shots with a hand in his face both times. During their next possession, Tyrone Williams drove to the lane and was fouled. After he made the free throw, the half time buzzer sounded with the score 24-15, AFOMS ahead.

The second half started the same way as the first did, with AFOMS scoring at will. Allick was too much for the 12th SFS defense as he drove into the lane scoring layup after layup.

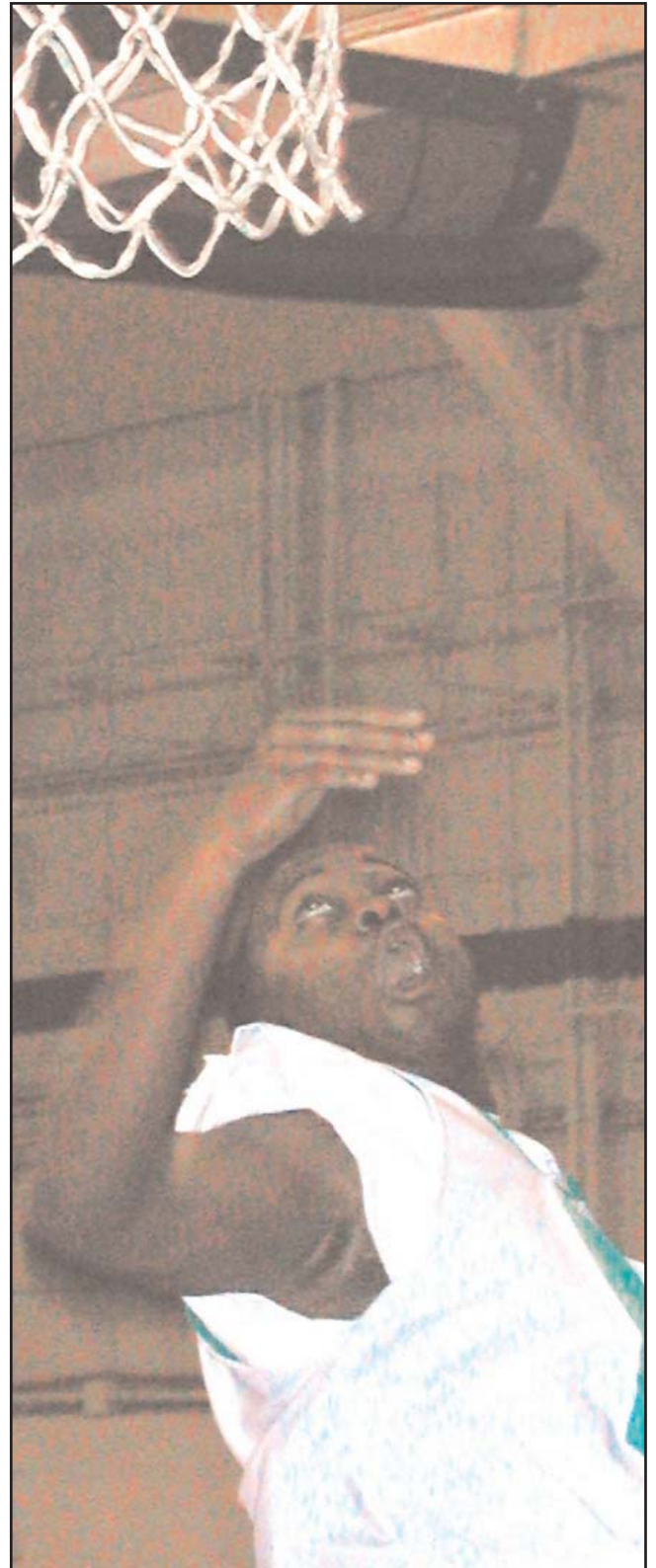
However, Williams and Battle helped 12th SFS stay in the game with their low post play. They hit back-to-back layups to counter the AFOMS offensive pressure.

AFOMS, up by nine points with three minutes left, found their lead slipping away. Holland, 12th SFS, kept his team close with back-to-back three pointers.

With a minute left and down by two points, Holland made a layup and was fouled. He missed the free throw and AFOMS took control of the ball for the last shot. Allick held the ball at the top of the key waiting for time to wind down. He tried to shake his defender and stopped at the three point line, jumped up and let it go. Everyone on the court stopped as they watched the ball hit all net for the game-winning three pointer. The final score was 38-35.

Allick took the leading scorer role for AFOMS with 20 points. Other players with points were Anderson with 6, Travis Vernon and Forsythe with 5 and Phil Johnson with 2.

Holland was the only player in double digits for the 12th SFS squad with 17 points. Other players with points were Battle with 8, Williams with 7, Sean Clayton with 2 and Tyrone Hagans with 1.



(Above) Phil Johnson, Air Force Occupational Measurement Squadron, goes up for an open layup. (Left) The 12th Security Forces Squadron team huddles around to discuss strategies during the second half. (Photos by Airman 1st Class Chad Tarpley)

